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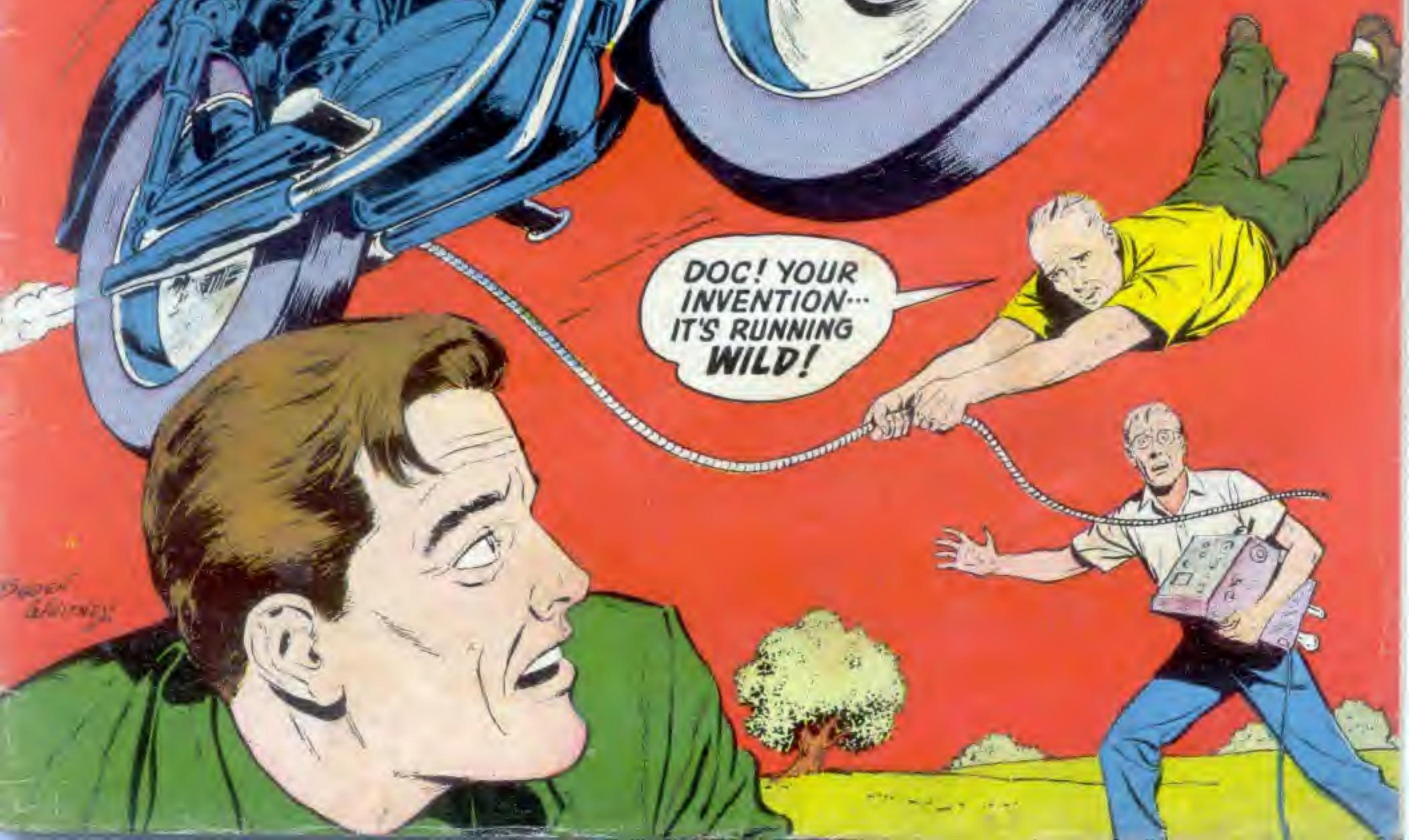
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A MORE AMAZING STORY!
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MISSING—ONE SCIENTIST!"



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YOUR CAR MUST START INSTANTLY! - OR MONEY BACK!

Save Money With Amazing New Liquid That Makes "Dead Batteries" Spring to Life Instantly

- Makes New Batteries Trouble-Free for 10 Years or More!

NO MORE BATTERY TROUBLE FOR THE LIFE OF YOUR CAR!

Detroit, Michigan—A National Airline, the battery manufacturers, trucking companies, yacht clubs and diesel users... are praising the amazing chemical, non-acid liquid—"VX/6"—that tends a surge of never-failing power through your battery INSTANTLY... even if your car has been in dead storage for 6 months... in broiling desert heat... in 40° below zero arctic weather... in jungles where rain falls for 90 days at a time... in submarines... in around the world air flights!

Yes, a brilliant chemical engineer has perfected an entirely new liquid formula that makes even a "dead battery" spring to life instantly... that makes any battery—old or new—good for 10 years or longer! Now you can start your car in one second... never have a run-down battery for the rest of your life.

This is the most electrifying development of the past sixty years for you 130 million car owners.

Imagine! For only a few pennies you can have 24-hour-a-day insurance against battery failures from now on! No more stopping dead on crowded highways, in tunnels, on bridges. No more expensive tows, no more laying out \$25.00 to \$40.00 every year for new batteries! Now—even if your present battery is two years old and can't take another charge... you can give it more power than it had when new simply by pouring "VX/6" into each cell... and the instantaneous new power will never fail you... you can start instantly—with one second—at least 27 times... every day for the next 10 years!

There never was a guarantee like this in automotive history! Think of what this means to you. Your new or old-beat-up battery must turn over instantly 27 times a day for the life of your car... or we'll pay the cost of getting your battery started anytime, anywhere between now and the time you sell your car... and refund your money, too! This is an unconditional guarantee! Only a battery additive that has been subjected to every kind of "torture test" on over 10,000 cars over a period of 5 years before it was released to the public would dare make such a guarantee! Battery Additive is recognized and accepted by the Bureau of Standards. Used to improve torpedo propulsion systems, by industry, airlines, diesel locomotives, battery manufacturers, air conditioning plants, truck fleet owners. Ships at sea, such as the Queen Mary, and Queen Elizabeth use similar devices. Is insured against failure by famous Lloyd's of London!

A NATIONAL AIRLINE RECHARGED TRUCK BATTERIES EVERY 3 DAYS—NOW 3,750 STARTS... EACH BATTERY GOOD FOR 10 YEARS MORE!

National Airlines used fork-lift trucks... each averaged 125 starts a day on busy airfields. As a result, EACH BATTERY HAD TO BE RECHARGED EVERY THREE OR FOUR DAYS! Since "VX/6" was added, each truck has been started on an average of 3,750 times without one recharge! Result: savings of thousands of dollars, savings of man hours... and each battery is now good for at least 10 years more of over 100 starts a day!

Why you are forced to buy a new battery in the next 8 months if you drive your car regularly!

As you know, your battery supplies the electric current for the ignition, all your engine equipment—PLL—POWER TO CRANK YOUR ENGINE!

When you use any of the equipment (radio, heater, windshield wipers, lights, etc.) or when you leave your car stand idle, the battery discharges electric current. Two things happen:

1. Some of the active materials from the lead plates shed or fall off forming useless

"battery mud". THIS IS THE FIRST REASON YOU LOSE POWER...

2. Since all storage batteries contain a number of cells, each of which encloses several lead plates and separators, and since each cell is filled with water and sulphuric acid, an electrochemical action must take place in which the acid coming in contact with the lead plates makes electrical current. When the plates are partially covered with hard, inactive lead sulphate, the electrochemical action cannot take place and the battery goes dead!

How you must save with "VX/6"

1. Every time you recharge your present battery you shorten its life and you add to the cost of the battery! With "VX/6" you can stop worrying about recharging your battery... never shorten its life... never add expenses to your car overhead!

2. Every time your battery runs down, you strain the generator of your automobile. A dead battery will eventually ruin the other electrical equipment in the engine. Only with "VX/6" can you extend the life of your battery and prevent the costly damage a dead battery will cause!

3. A dead, irreparable battery may constitute expensive, sometimes damaging towing charges. You will save this costly road service immediately with "VX/6" in your present battery.

4. Your present day battery must run down regardless of the amount of use it receives. Since your battery is not a lifetime battery you will eventually have to spend \$25 to \$35 on a new battery. Only with "VX/6" in your battery, can you insure against a dead battery and additional battery expenses.

5. If you depend on your car, and can't use it due to battery failure, you will run up additional expenses in transportation.

Thousands of testimonials like these

We highly recommend "VX/6" to everyone. No danger of overcharge... never any need to recharge a battery with this amazing liquid in batteries. Gives batteries a never-failing surge of power... that lasts and lasts.

L. A., Miami Battery Exchange
Miami, Florida

Started using "VX/6" four years ago. Saved us \$400 on maintenance and replacement costs... to say nothing of inconvenience of batteries "going dead." J. S., Associated Diamond Cabs
Miami, Florida

Have been using "VX/6" in our 30 trucks for past few years. This non-acid formula is years ahead... it means we can use worn-out batteries for years more, has tripled and more the life of present batteries. L. G., Sunny Brook Farms
Miami, Florida

Tried "VX/6" in batteries with two dead cells... after pouring in "VX/6" BATTERIES WITH DEAD CELLS SHOWED FULL CAPACITY! Same results on thousands of other batteries tested. L. J., Imperial Battery Company
Miami, Florida

A million times better than sulphuric acid... 400% more economical, more efficient in blistering heat... NOW OUR TRUCKS ENJOY FASTER STARTING, BRIGHTER LIGHTS AND BETTER OPERATION OF ALL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT!

I. S., National Mover Co
Miami, Florida

Have used "VX/6" in all batteries for over three years. NOT ONE SINGLE BATTERY FAILURE YET. THIS IS A MIRACLE AND A SAVINGS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR A BIG FLEET SUCH AS OURS.

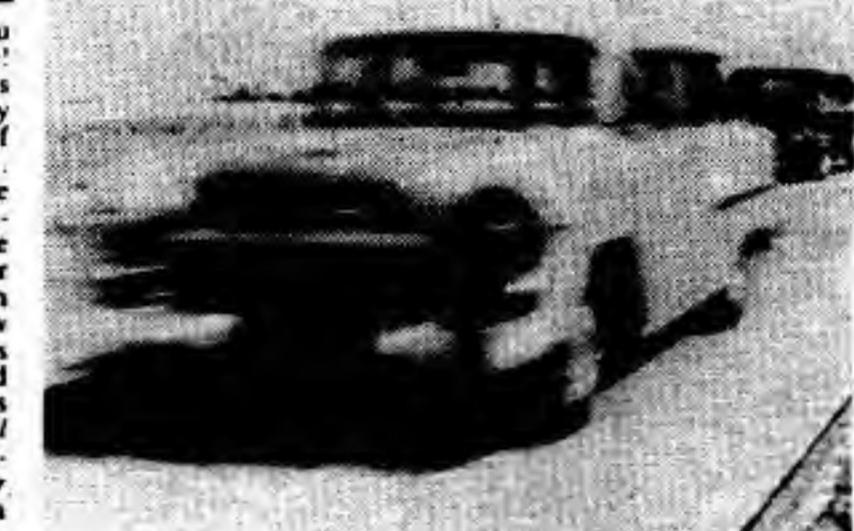
A. S., Mechanics Overall Service
Miami, Florida

Most of the batteries traded in are "weak" or "dead". BUT "VX/6" TURNED OLD BATTERIES INTO NEW BATTERIES... NOT ONE REPLACEMENT YET! IT'S AMAZING!

B. S., Dixie Motors
Miami, Florida

Over 30,837,000 batteries went dead in traffic in 1956!

It's a true fact—as you can easily find out. Imagine! Over thirty million cars "stopped dead" in heavy traffic... in the middle of bridges... in tunnels... on speed highways! Whole weekends were ruined! Families stood shivering by the roadside while the driver had to walk to put in an emergency call for a tow truck. Thousands of others had to flag down cars and taxies and offer ten dollars or more for a push! Still others were killed on highways trying to get the car started! Play safe—pour a little "VX/6" in each battery cell and you can have complete peace of mind... for years to come. No matter how old your battery cell is... you can take cross-country trips, travel over steaming deserts, plough through snow... leave your car standing in the rain—YET YOUR BATTERY WILL ALWAYS TURN OVER THE VERY INSTANT YOU TOUCH THE STARTER BUTTON... 27 times a day for the life of your car with amazing "VX/6" to safeguard you.



cated ability to instantly start motor and operate electrical system at full efficiency. No loss of voltage occurred.

IV. Battery was subjected to an oven temperature of 160°F. No loss of electrolyte solution or power was indicated by test, and ability to perform starting and electrical functions remained at full rated efficiency.

V. After treating battery with "VX/6" and restoring power, 25% increase in light brightness was noted.

With "VX/6" in your battery you will find improvements you never expected!

1. Your headlights are 25% brighter.
2. Check your battery—will show higher terminal voltage.
3. Car starts immediately—time after time.
4. Extra reserve of power for radio, heater, etc.
5. Your battery recuperates its power faster.
6. Strong enough to start in sub-normal, cold or heat.

TAKE THIS 4 SECOND BATTERY CHECK RIGHT NOW! DELAYS ARE COSTLY!

Open the hood of your car and look at the battery. The green or white formations you see around the anode and cathode, on the top and sides is sulphation! Sulphation means your battery is collecting mud... the plates are baking and the battery is dying! UNLESS YOU ADD "VX/6" IMMEDIATELY, YOU WILL HAVE TO SPEND \$25.00 to \$40.00 FOR A NEW BATTERY!

INSURED BY FAMOUS LLOYD'S OF LONDON!

Yes, the most famous insurance company on the globe—Lloyd's of London—have insured "VX/6" for products liability. It's tested and approved by the "Public Service"... you KNOW that if it doesn't do everything we claim... you get your money back now... next year... in 1960 or in 1967. No new product ever released to the public was ever backed by such careful testing... was ever endorsed by so many giant companies, was ever used by so many countries and leaders of industry!

MAIL NO-RISK COUPON... THIS VERY SECOND!

VOLTEX COMPANY Dept. ACG-6 One Park Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I'm sold! Send me a giant-sized bottle of "VX/6" immediately... enough for either a three or six cell battery! It is understood that if my battery doesn't start instantly... and if it doesn't start instantly for at least 27 times a day for the life of my car... I can claim my money back. I will pay the postman just the amount checked below plus C.O.D. charges:

\$2.98 2 for \$5.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____
 SAVE 50¢ C.O.D. FEES, by sending \$2.98 or \$5.00, check, cash or money order and it is understood YOU WILL PAY THE POSTAGE. Same money-back guarantee!

HERE'S AN ODD STORY---A STORY THAT STRIKES HOME IN THESE DANGEROUS DAYS IN WHICH THE STARS HAVE MOVED CLOSE AND TWO GREAT POWERS STRIVE FOR THE DOMINATION OF EARTH AND OUTER SPACE! EXAGGERATED? YES---BUT ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF LODGING ITS MESSAGE IN THE HEARTS OF ALL OF US! READ FOR YOURSELF THE ALL-TOO-FAMILIAR CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE CREATED THIS STORY ENTITLED...



ELSTON MORRELL WAS AN IMAGINATIVE KID ---AN AVID READER...

I DON'T LIKE IT!
HE'S ALWAYS GOT HIS NOSE IN A BOOK---

BUT IT WASN'T ALWAYS A BOOK---
FOR THE MARVELS OF THE WORLD AROUND HIM FASCINATED THE BOY...

SOME DAY, SOMEBODY'S GOING TO REACH THE STARS! WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF IT WERE ME?

BUT UNFORTUNATELY, A BOY WHO THINKS AND READS TOO MUCH ISN'T ALWAYS POPULAR...

HEY, HERE COMES MAMA'S BOY!
WOTTA SISSEY!
BEAT IT AN' GET BACK TO YER BOOKS!



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**AND AT COLLEGE... WHILE OTHER STUDENTS WERE
BUSY AT THESE PURSUITS...**



...THIS IS WHAT KEPT ELSTON MORRELL BUSY!



**HE WAS GRADUATED WITH THE HIGH-
EST HONORS THE COLLEGE HAD EVER
BESTOWED...**

**...AND TO ELSTON MORRELL
GOES THE WOODWORTH MEDAL
FOR OUTSTANDING
ACCOMPLISHMENT
IN THE FIELD OF
SCIENCE!**



**WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM THEN? DID HE
FIND PEOPLE AWAITING HIM, ANXIOUS TO
PLACE HIM WHERE HE COULD CARRY OUT
THE GREAT WORK FOR WHICH HE SEEMED
DESTINED? NO... INSTEAD, THIS IS WHAT
HE FOUND...**

**...AND I... I SPECIALIZED
IN PURE SCIENCE! MY
PROFESSORS SAID I
HAD A LOT OF PROMISE
IN THEORETICAL AND
APPLIED PHYSICS...
AND I CAN DO
RESEARCH...**



**YEAH, YEAH...
I'VE MET LONG-
HAIR BOYS
LIKE YOU BEFORE!
SORRY, BUT I DON'T
HAVE A THING! NOW,
IF IT WAS AN OPEN-
ING AS A BOND
SALESMAN YOU
WERE LOOKING
FOR...**

**FINALLY, HE SECURED THE ONLY
"SCIENTIFIC" JOB HE COULD FIND
OPEN FOR HIM! IT WAS IN THE
LABORATORY OF A LARGE TOOTH
PASTE MANUFACTURER...**

**THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL WORK! YOUR
JOB IS TO RUN OFF TESTS THAT'LL
PROVE THREE CONCLUSIONS! FIRST,
THAT WHITEY MAKES TEETH
WHITER THAN ANY OTHER
DENTIFRICE... SECOND, THAT
WITH WHITEY, TEETH STAY
WHITER LONGER... THIRD, THAT
PEOPLE THAT USE WHITEY
SUCCEED MORE IN
LIFE THAN OTHERS!**



THAT WAS IT... AND AS TIME PASSED...

**SO THIS IS WHAT
I'VE COME TO! ME
---WITH ALL MY
VISIONS OF
GREATNESS---**



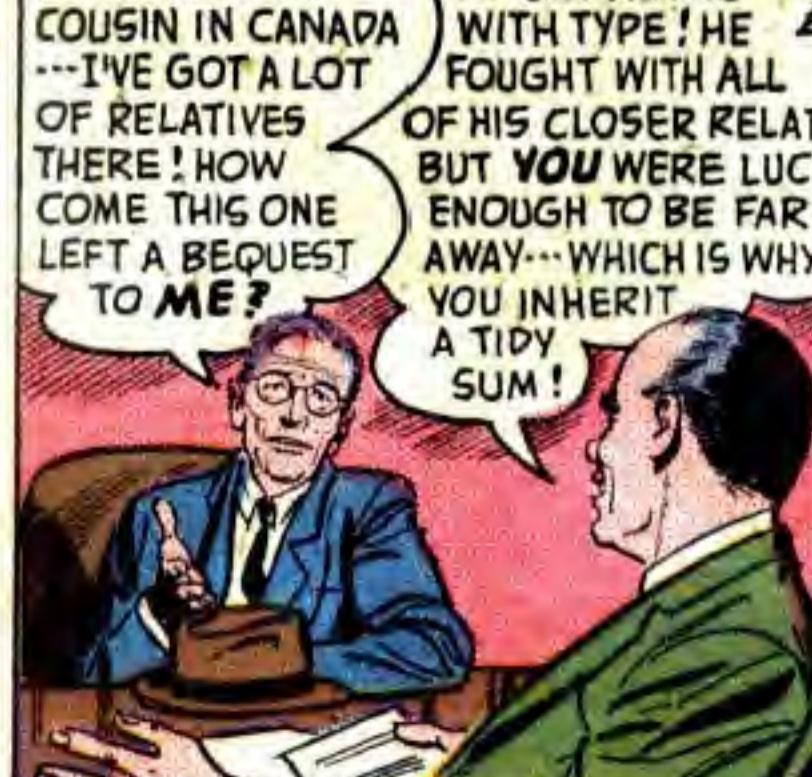
**THE BARREN YEARS FOLLOWED EACH
OTHER! HE WAS A MIDDLE-AGED MAN,
BEATEN AND DEFEATED, WHEN, ONE
DAY, HE RECEIVED A SUMMONS TO
A LAWYER'S OFFICE...**

**SURE I KNEW I
HAD A WEALTHY
COUSIN IN CANADA
---I'VE GOT A LOT
OF RELATIVES
THERE! HOW
COME THIS ONE
LEFT A BEQUEST
TO ME?**

**YOUR COUSIN
WAS A MEAN, HARD-
TO-GET-ALONG-
WITH TYPE! HE
FOUGHT WITH ALL
OF HIS CLOSER RELATIVES,
BUT YOU WERE LUCKY
ENOUGH TO BE FAR
AWAY... WHICH IS WHY
YOU INHERIT
A TIDY
SUM!**

**FROM WHAT I KNOW ABOUT YOU,
YOU'LL HAVE A LOT OF CATCHING
UP TO DO! WHAT'LL YOU USE
YOUR INHERITANCE FOR? A
HOUSE... A SNAPPY AUTOMOBILE
---YOU'LL
HAVE ENOUGH, NO, NOTHING LIKE
YOU KNOW!**

**THAT! I'VE ALWAYS
DREAMED OF WHAT
I'D DO WITH MONEY IF I
WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO
GET MY HANDS ON
ENOUGH... AND
NOW I'M GOING
TO SEE IT
THROUGH!**



AND SO ELSTON MORRELL RETURNED TO HIS OLD HOME TOWN AND RENTED A LARGE HOUSE ON THE OUTSKIRTS! AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT OF EVERY TYPE COMMENCED TO ARRIVE...



BUT HE BUSIED HIMSELF WORKING IN THE LABORATORY HE'D SET UP! AT LONG LAST, HE WAS ENGAGED IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WITH A FUTURE---AND HE WAS HAPPY...



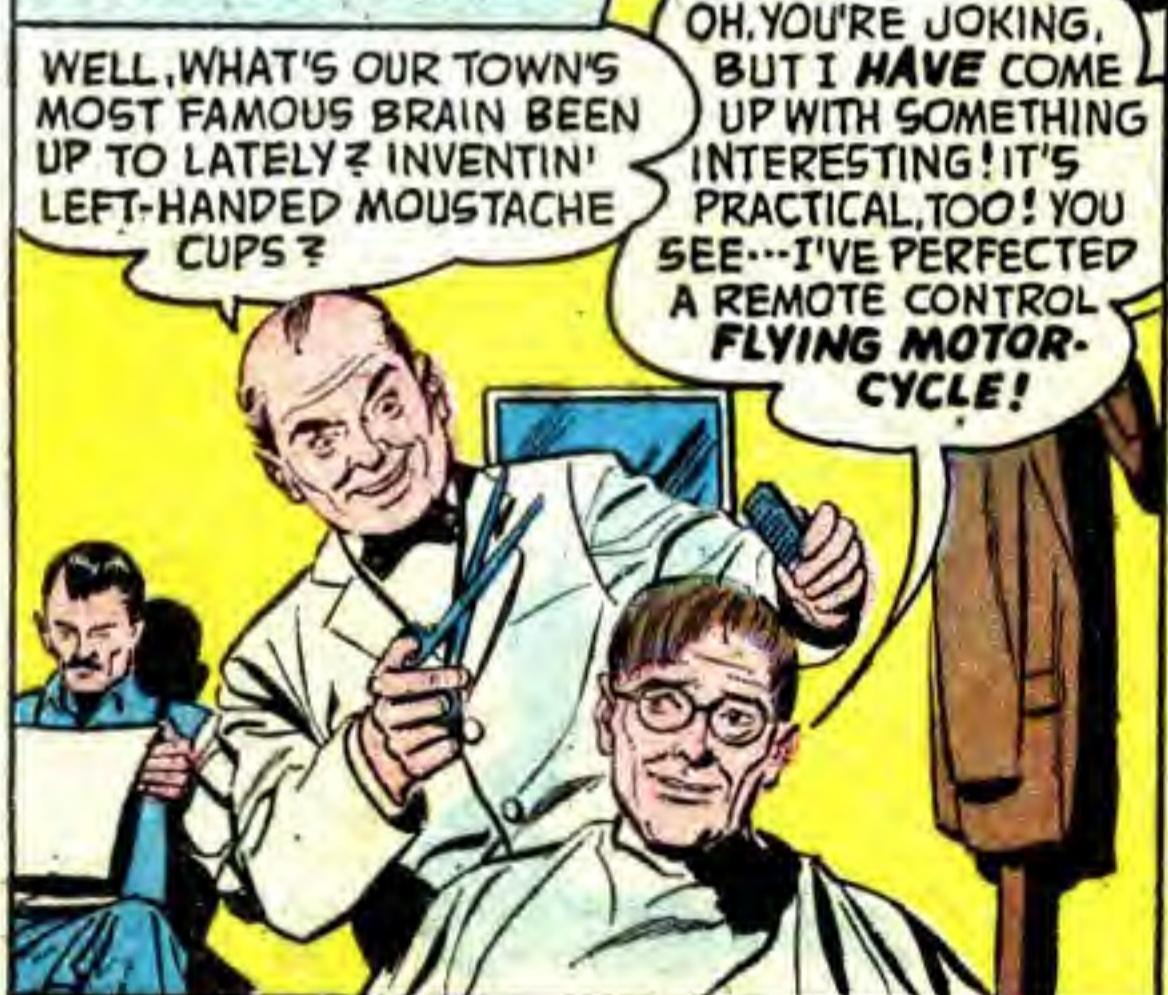
BUT BECAUSE HE WAS **DIFFERENT**, HE WASN'T ALLOWED TO WORK IN PEACE...

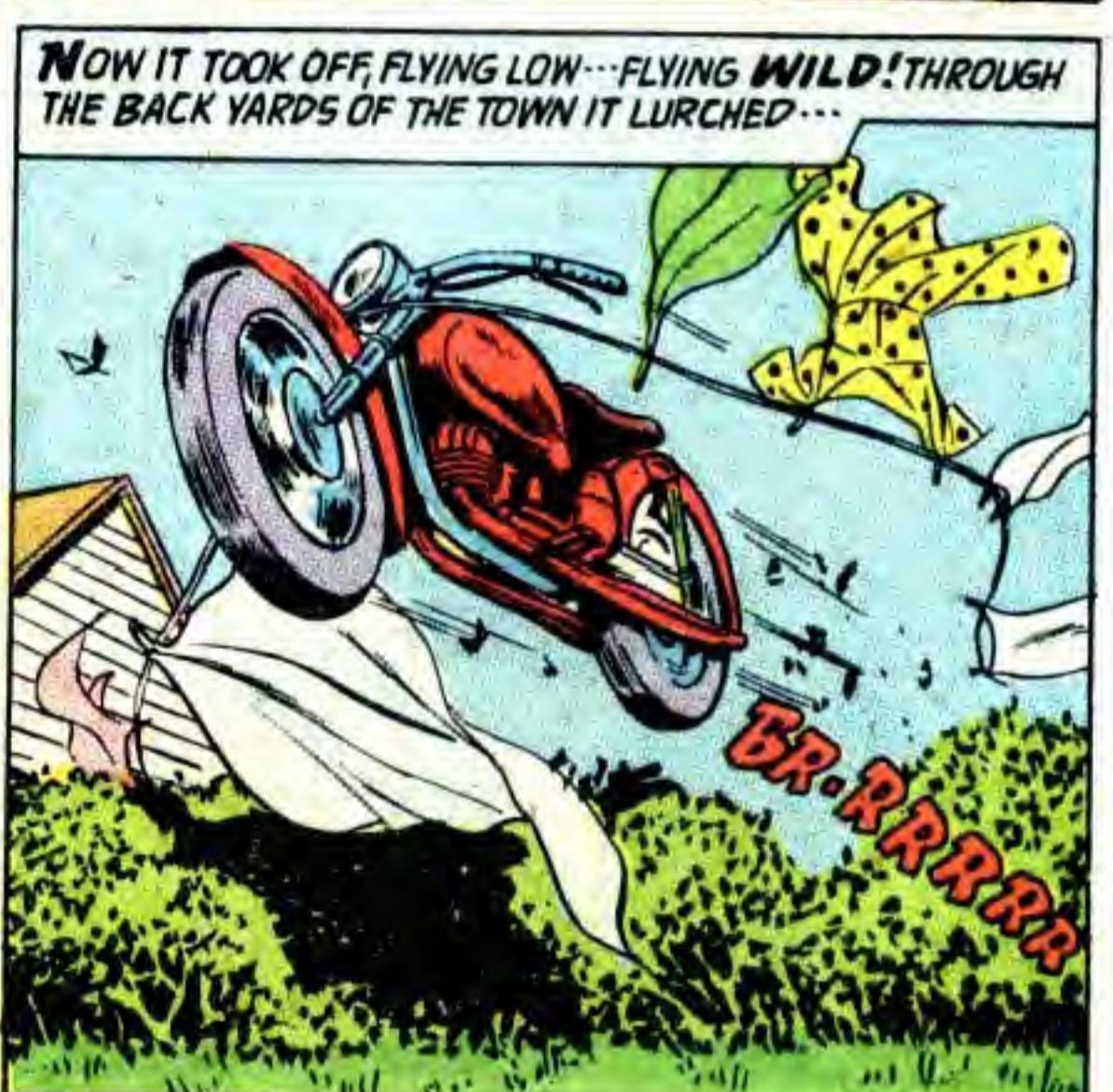


HE TRIED TO FORGET THESE INTERRUPTIONS---FOR HE WAS ON THE TRACK OF SOMETHING...



WISTFULLY, HE WANTED THE APPROVAL OF HIS FELLOW MAN! AND SO, WHEN HE WAS READY, HE LET WORD LEAK OUT...





DAYS BECAME MONTHS...MONTHS DRIFTED INTO YEARS...AND HE CONTINUED HIS SOLITARY WORK IN HIS LABORATORY! HE HAD WITHDRAWN COMPLETELY FROM THE WORLD...

THIS IS IT---THE GREAT THING I HAD ALWAYS HOPE TO PRODUCE! BUT THEY'LL NEVER KNOW!



MEANWHILE, GREAT THINGS WERE HAPPENING IN THE WORLD OUTSIDE! ON A FATEFUL DAY IN 1957---



The NEWS-JOURNAL
TRA RUSSIANS LAUNCH SATELLITE INTO SPACE SUCCESSFULLY

THE KREMLIN'S HAPPY, AND THERE'S LITTLE WONDER! A MAN-MADE MOON--AND THE MAN'S IVAN!

IT'S A GUIDED MISSILE THAT'S TAKEN OVER SPACE---AND THE SOVIETS DID IT!



HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCES WERE HURRIEDLY CALLED---IN THE PENTAGON ---IN THE WHITE HOUSE---

ALL RIGHT---
THEY DID IT!
NOW WE'VE GOT TO CATCH UP...BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! BUT HOW?

THEIR SCIENCE HAS SHOT AHEAD WHILE OURS HAS LAGGED! WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO IS ENLIST AMERICA'S SCIENTISTS IN A CRASH PROGRAM TO OVERCOME THE RUSSIAN LEAD!



THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAD A SPECIAL ROLE IN THE PROGRAM! IT WAS THEIR TASK TO HUNT OUT MEN OF PROMISING SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND WHO, THROUGH THE YEARS, HAD DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT---

HERE'S THE LAD YOU TWO HAVE GOT TO LOCATE! BACK IN HIS COLLEGE DAYS, HE WAS REGARDED AS ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST POTENTIAL SCIENTISTS---BUT NOTHING'S BEEN HEARD OF HIM FOR YEARS!

ELSTON MORRELL, EH? WE'LL FIND HIM... IF HE'S STILL ALIVE, THAT IS!



ONE FALSE LEAD AFTER ANOTHER AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO TRACK HIM THROUGH THE LOST YEARS! BUT FINALLY, A CORRECT LEAD---

MORRELL? WHY, SURE...LIVES UP IN THAT OLD PLACE ON CARDIFF HILL---NEVER COMES OUT THESE DAYS! DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT HIM FOR---HE'S TOUCHED!

NEVERTHELESS... WE WANT HIM! THANKS!



AT THE OLD HOUSE, REPEATED KNOCKS BROUGHT NO ANSWER...

SAY, THE DOOR'S OPEN! MIGHT AS WELL GO IN, HUH?

IF HE NEVER COMES OUT, WHY DIDN'T HE ANSWER? WE KNOCKED LOUDLY ENOUGH TO WAKE THE DEAD!

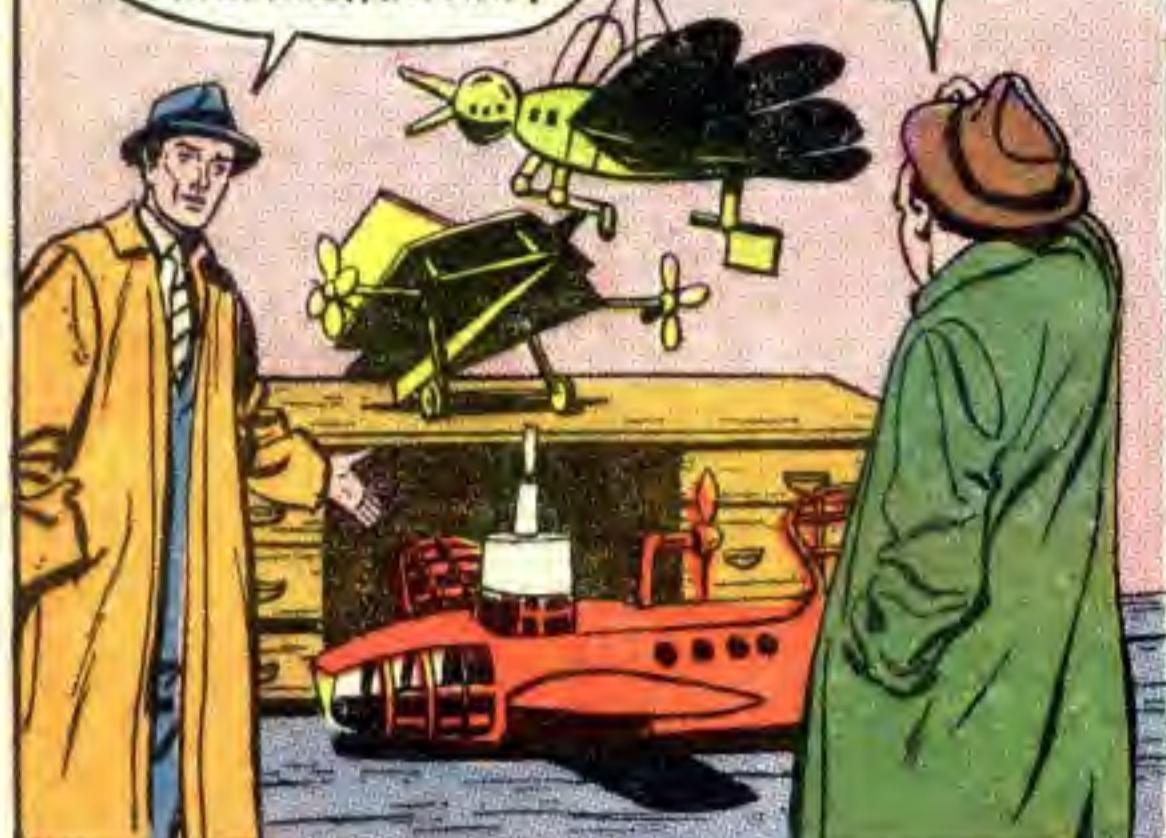
THEY WALKED FROM ROOM TO ROOM, CALLING...BUT THERE WAS ONLY SILENCE...

NOBODY! HEY,
LOOK AT THOSE THINGS!
WHAT DO YOU FIGURE
THEY ARE, ANYWAY?

I CAN'T FIGURE
IT! CRAZY SORT
OF STUFF,
HUH?

DOESN'T IT STRIKE
YOU THAT ALL THESE
THINGS ARE ALONG THE
LINE OF **SPACE SHIPS**
...IN A WACKY SORT
OF WAY?

YOU'VE HIT IT! MAYBE
THE PEOPLE AROUND HERE
ARE RIGHT IN WHAT THEY
THINK OF HIM!...LET'S SEE
WHAT'S THROUGH THAT
DOOR OVER
THERE!



IT WAS THE INNERMOST LABORATORY!
AS THEY CROSSED OVER THE THRESHOLD,
A CORD TRIPPED ONE OF THE AGENTS...

Then, suddenly...A HARSH VOICE
RESOUNDED THROUGHOUT THE ROOM!

BUT ELSTON WASN'T THERE!
INSTEAD...

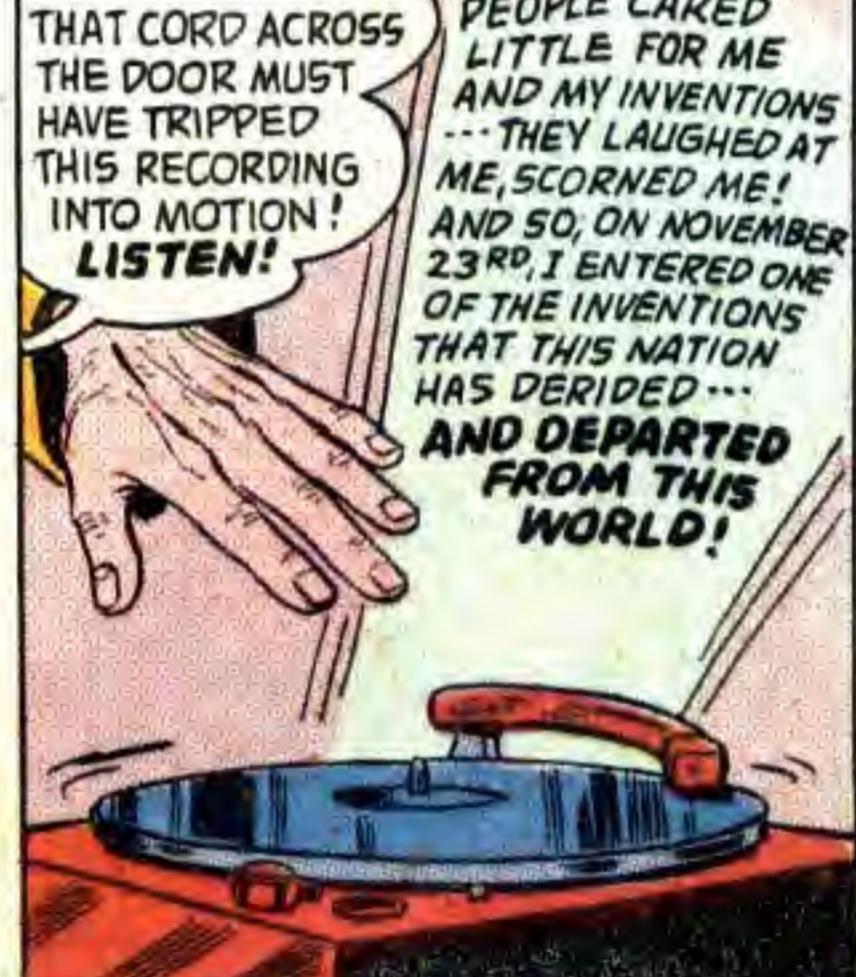
OOF!

SO AT LAST
SOMEONE HAS
THOUGHT ENOUGH
OF ME TO COME TO
SEEK ME OUT! BUT
IT'S TOO LATE!

THAT MUST
BE ELSTON
MORRELL!
HE'S
HERE!

THAT CORD ACROSS
THE DOOR MUST
HAVE TRIPPED
THIS RECORDING
INTO MOTION!
LISTEN!

PEOPLE CARED
LITTLE FOR ME
AND MY INVENTIONS
...THEY LAUGHED AT
ME, SCORNED ME!
AND SO, ON NOVEMBER
23RD, I ENTERED ONE
OF THE INVENTIONS
THAT THIS NATION
HAS DERIDED...
AND DEPARTED
FROM THIS
WORLD!



BY THE TIME YOU DISCOVER
THIS RECORDING, I MAY
BE LONG SINCE DEAD
...BUT IF I'M STILL
ALIVE, YOU MAY BE ABLE
TO CONTACT ME! THROW
THE TELEVISOR SWITCH
ON THE MAIN CONTROL
PANEL...AND STAND
BY!

HE SAYS HE LEFT
NOVEMBER 23RD...
THAT'S LESS THAN A
WEEK AGO! LET'S SEE
WHAT THIS IS ALL
ABOUT!



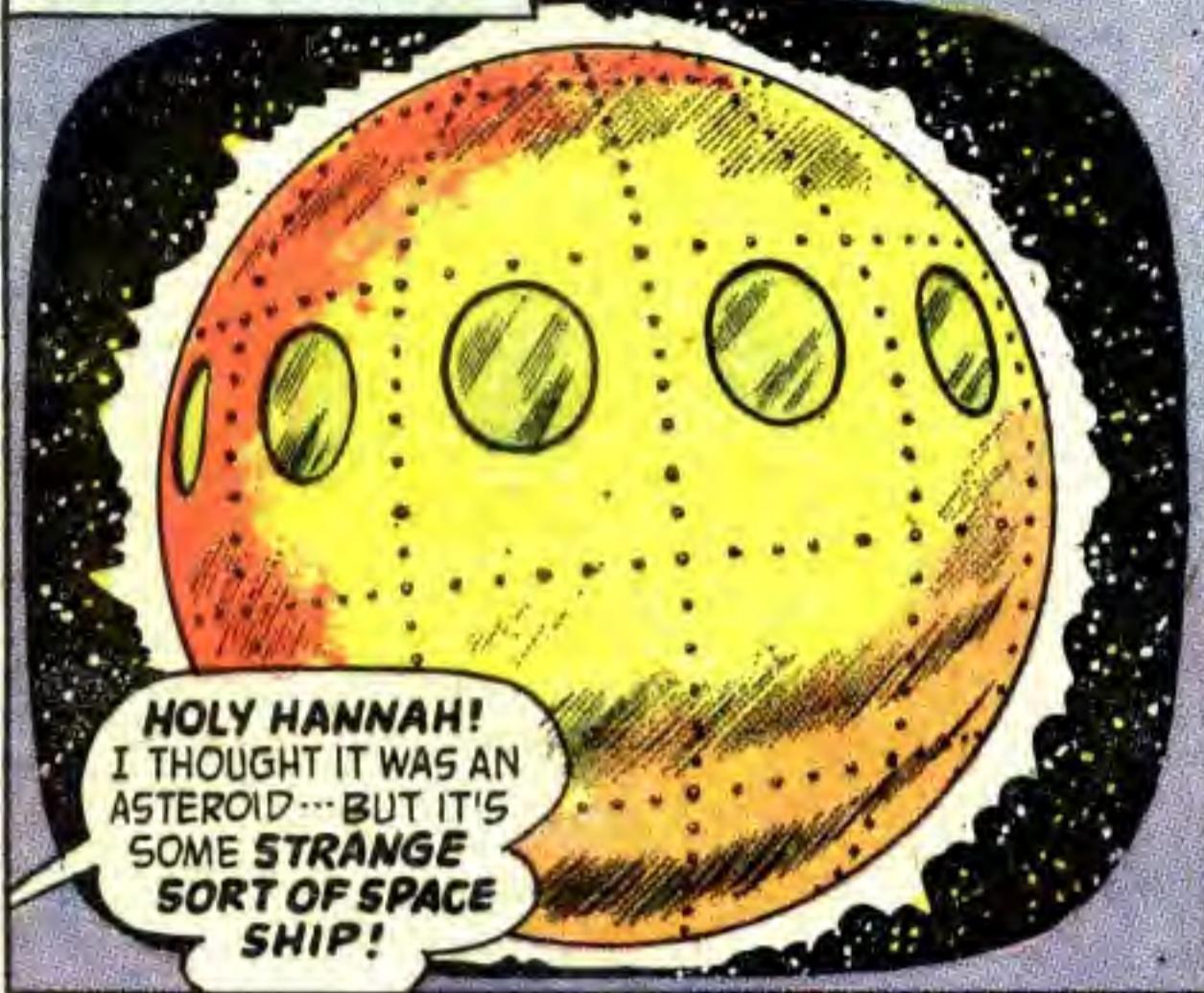
AS THE SWITCH WAS THROWN, A SECTION OF THE WALL
SLID NOISELESSLY ASIDE, REVEALING A HUGE TELEVISION
SCREEN! AND THERE, BEFORE THEIR STARTLED EYES...

WHAT THE...THIS IS
A SCENE IN **OUTER
SPACE!** BUT...BUT
NOBODY'S EVER BEEN
UP **THAT** FAR...HOW'S
IT COMING TO US?

I DON'T KNOW...BUT
WHAT'S COMING OUT OF
THE BACKGROUND? SEE
IT...THAT SMALL, LUMI-
NOUS BALL? WHATEVER IT
IS, IT'S COMING UP AT
TREMENDOUS SPEED!



NEARER AND NEARER IT CAME, UNTIL IT ALMOST
ILLED THE SCREEN...



AH---I GATHER FROM THESE SIGNALS THAT I HAVE VISITORS IN MY LABORATORY BELOW! GREETINGS---BUT YOU DIDN'T COME IN TIME!



AH, IF ONLY YOU'D COME EARLIER! THE SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF MY FELLOWMEN MEANT SO MUCH TO ME---BUT I DIDN'T GET THEM! INSTEAD, THERE WERE ONLY JEERS---MOCKERY...



YES---I WAS JUST AN IMPRACTICAL SCIENTIST, A FOOLISH DREAMER! NOBODY TOOK ME SERIOUSLY, AND FEW PLACED ANY STORE ON STUDY AND KNOWLEDGE! COLLEGES WERE PLACES FOR SPORTS AND FRATERNITY INITIATIONS---AND THAT LET PEOPLE LIKE ME OUT!



CAN YOU BLAME ME, THEN, FOR WANTING TO GET AWAY FROM THE LIFE I LED DOWN BELOW? I BUILT A SPHERE THAT CAN MOUNT TO THE STARS---AND ONLY I KNOW ITS SECRET! I'VE CUT THE TIES THAT BOUND ME AND ESCAPED---NEVER TO RETURN!

DR. MORRELL---YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN! IN THE WEEK YOU'VE BEEN GONE, THINGS HAVE CHANGED! SOVIET RUSSIA HAS SENT UP A SATELLITE, SPUTNIK---AND HAS SOARED INTO THE LEAD IN THE FIELD OF GUIDED MISSILES AND SPACE TRAVEL! AND WE'VE GOT TO ANSWER THE CHALLENGE!



RED SCIENTISTS HAVE GOTTEN AHEAD OF OURS... AND WE KNOW THE REASON WHY! WE'VE LEARNED OUR LESSON---WE KNOW NOW THAT ABLE SCIENTISTS, WITH THEIR GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE, ARE A NATION'S MOST VALUABLE POSSESSION IN TIMES OF DANGER!



AM I GETTING THROUGH TO YOU, ELSTON MORRELL? THEN HEAR THIS---WE'VE GOT TO ENCOURAGE EDUCATION AS OUR GREATEST WEAPON! YOUR OWN UNFORTUNATE EXPERIENCE WASN'T THE GENERAL RULE, THANK HEAVENS ---BUT LET US MAKE IT UP TO YOU! AMERICA NEEDS YOU---NEEDS YOUR MARVELOUS SPACE SHIP! PLEASE ---COME BACK!

IRRESOLUTELY, MORRELL'S HANDS HOVERED OVER THE CONTROLS...

SHALL I
KEEP ON---OR
... TURN
BACK?

HIS ATTENTION WAS DISTRACTED AS HE PONDERED THE ALL-IMPORTANT QUESTION! AND SO HE DIDN'T SEE...

MORRELL---
LOOK OUT!
LOOK
OUT!

BUT THE WARNING CAME TOO LATE!

TO THINK HOW CLOSE WE CAME TO BRINGING HIM BACK---AND NOW...

...AND NOW HE'S GONE---DEAD OUT THERE IN SPACE SOMEWHERE! IT'S A STAGGERING LOSS---A LOSS FOR WHICH WE'RE ALL RESPONSIBLE!

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO NOW, AND THAT'S MAKE UP FOR IT BY WORKING AND SACRIFICING TO OVERCOME THE REDS' LEAD! BUT IF I KNOW THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, WE'RE AWAKE NOW---AND WE'LL DO IT!

AND IN THE FILES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THERE'S A STRANGE, CRYPTIC REPORT---A REPORT THAT TELLS ITS OWN TRAGIC STORY...

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OFFICIAL TRACER

NAME OF PERSON:

ELSTON MORRELL

AGENTS ASSIGNED:

J. PETERSON
B. W. HOFFMAN

REPORT:

**Missing--
One Scientist!**

THE END!

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"Trainer of The Champions"

"MR. AMERICA" "MR. UNIVERSE"

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**ADD 3 INCHES OF STEEL-LIKE MUSCLES TO YOUR ARMS...
4 "POWER PACKED" INCHES OF MUSCLES TO YOUR CHEST!**

Says JOE WEIDER, "The Muscle Builder" and "Trainer of the Champions"

IN half the time, with twice the ease, in the privacy of your own room, in just a few minutes daily, I will, through my TRIPLE-PROGRESSION COURSE, slap inches of steel muscles to your pipe-stem arms, pack your chest with power and size, give you life-guard shoulders, dynamic, speedy athletic legs — add Jet-Charged strength to every muscle in your body. I don't care if you're

short or tall, skinny or fat, office-worker, laborer, school-boy, or businessman, I must make a new virile he-man out of you, and also . . . help build "inner strength" that will give you that virile look, that women admire and men envy. Here's what I did for Clancy Ross, one of the many thousands of weaklings I turned into He-Men.

Don't miss this once-in-a lifetime opportunity
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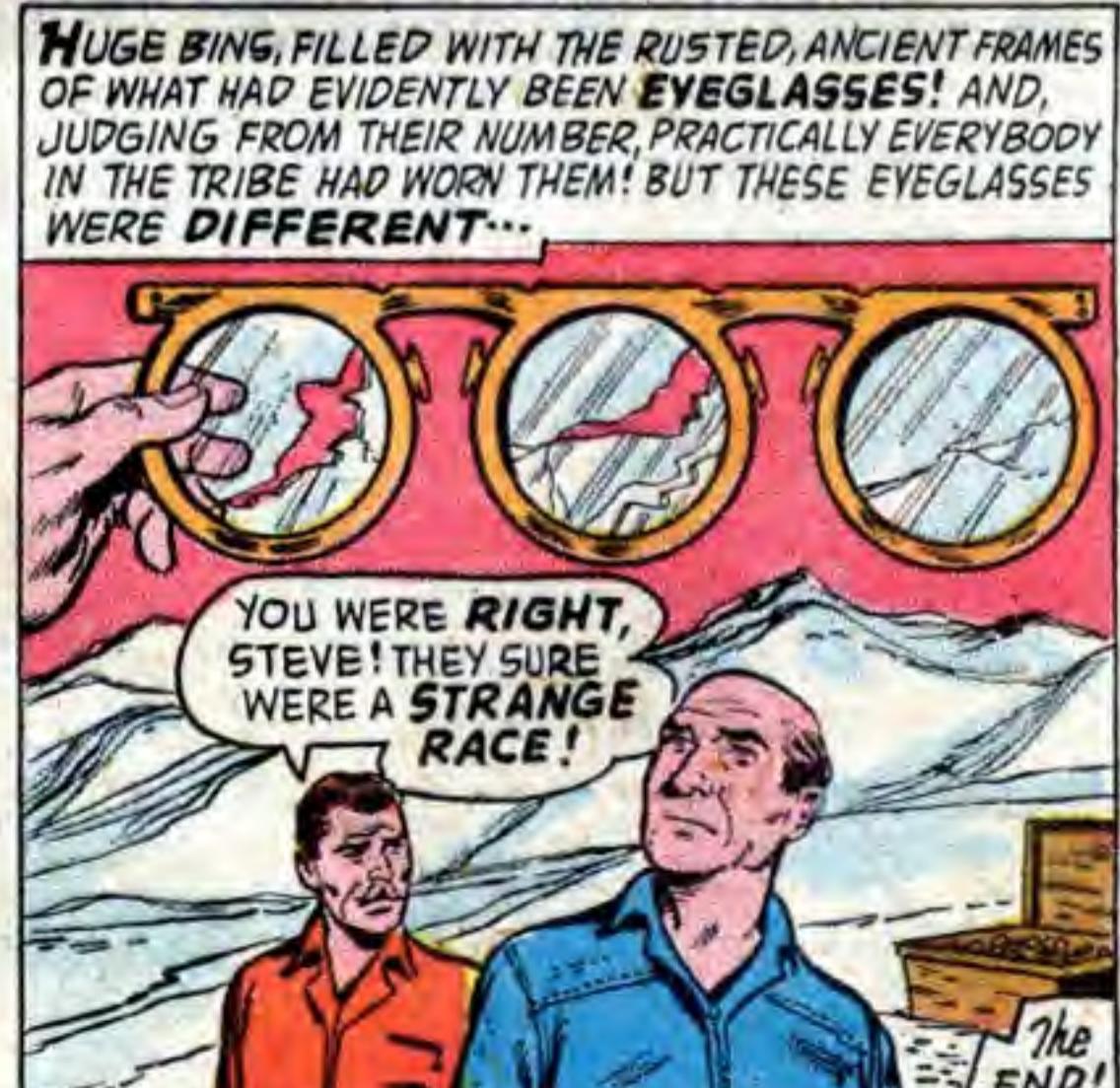
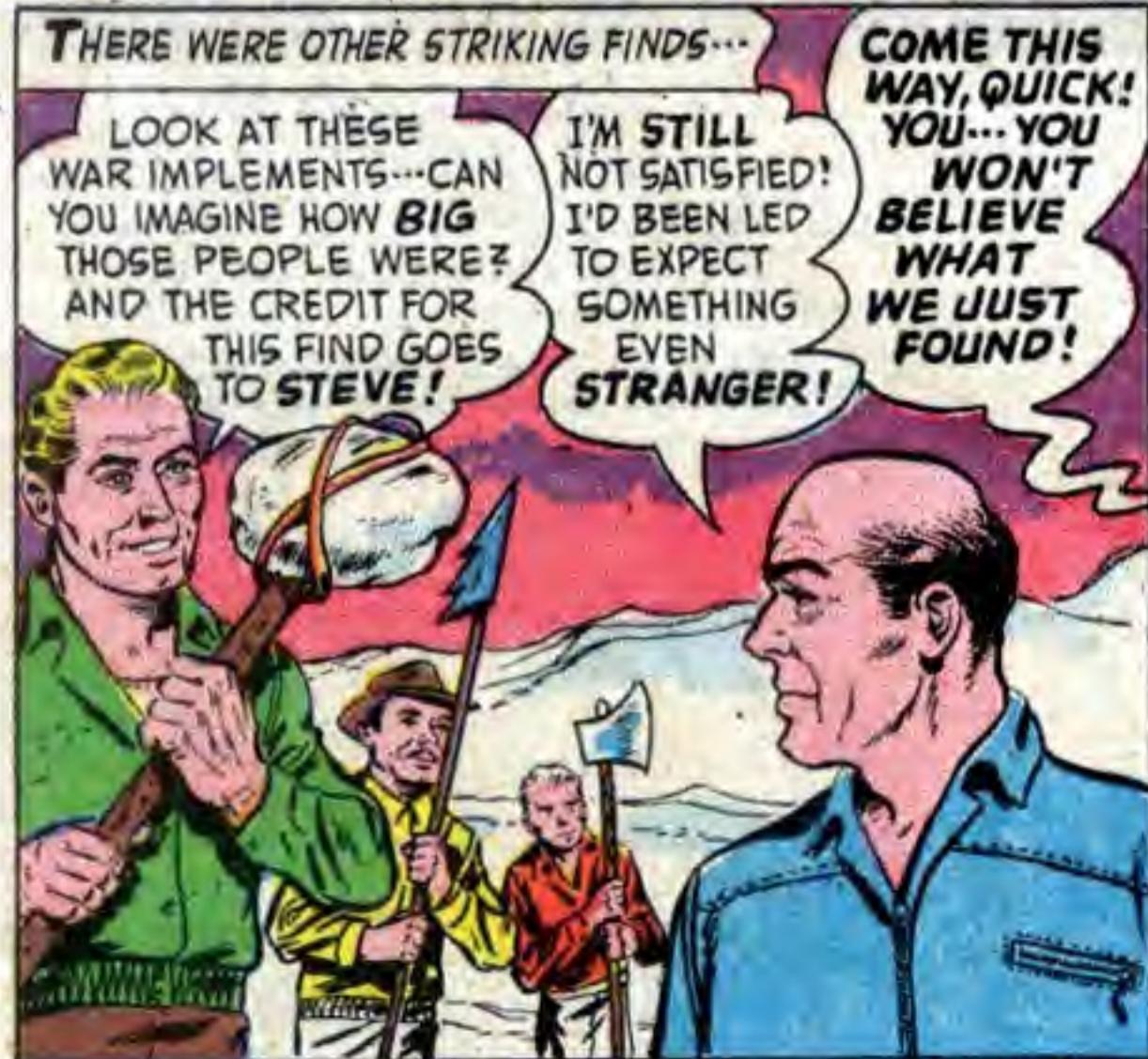
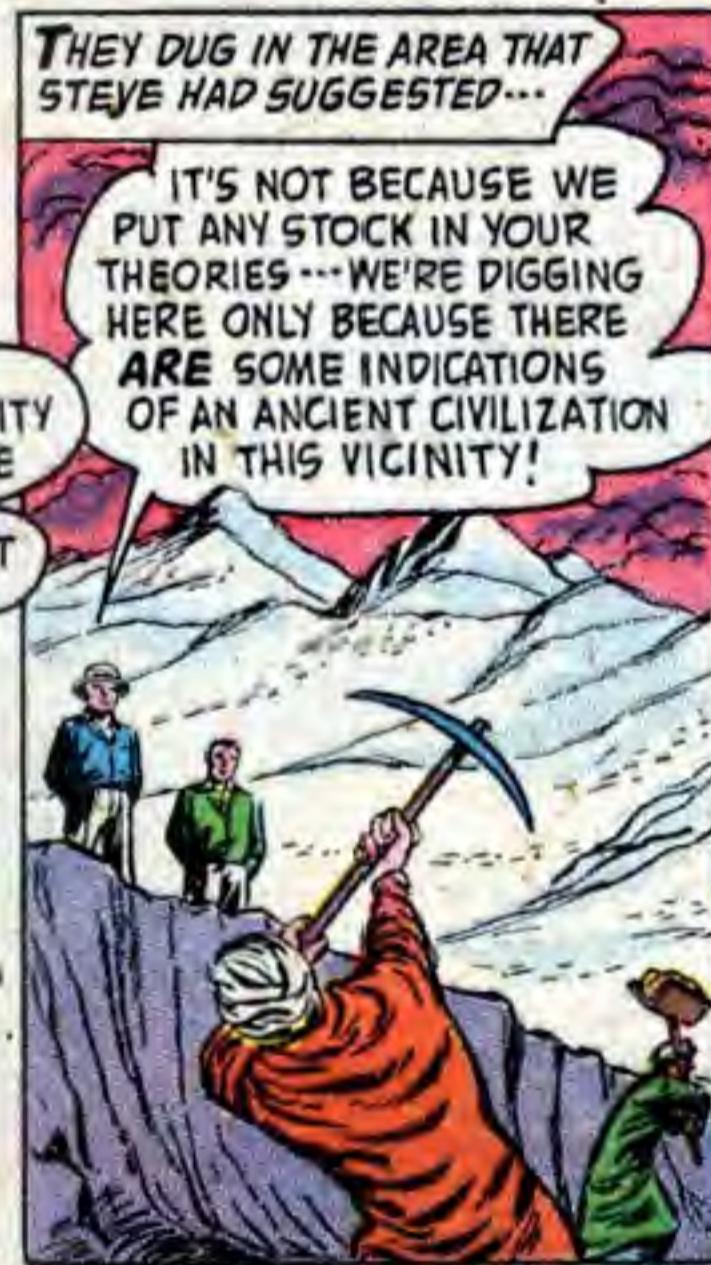
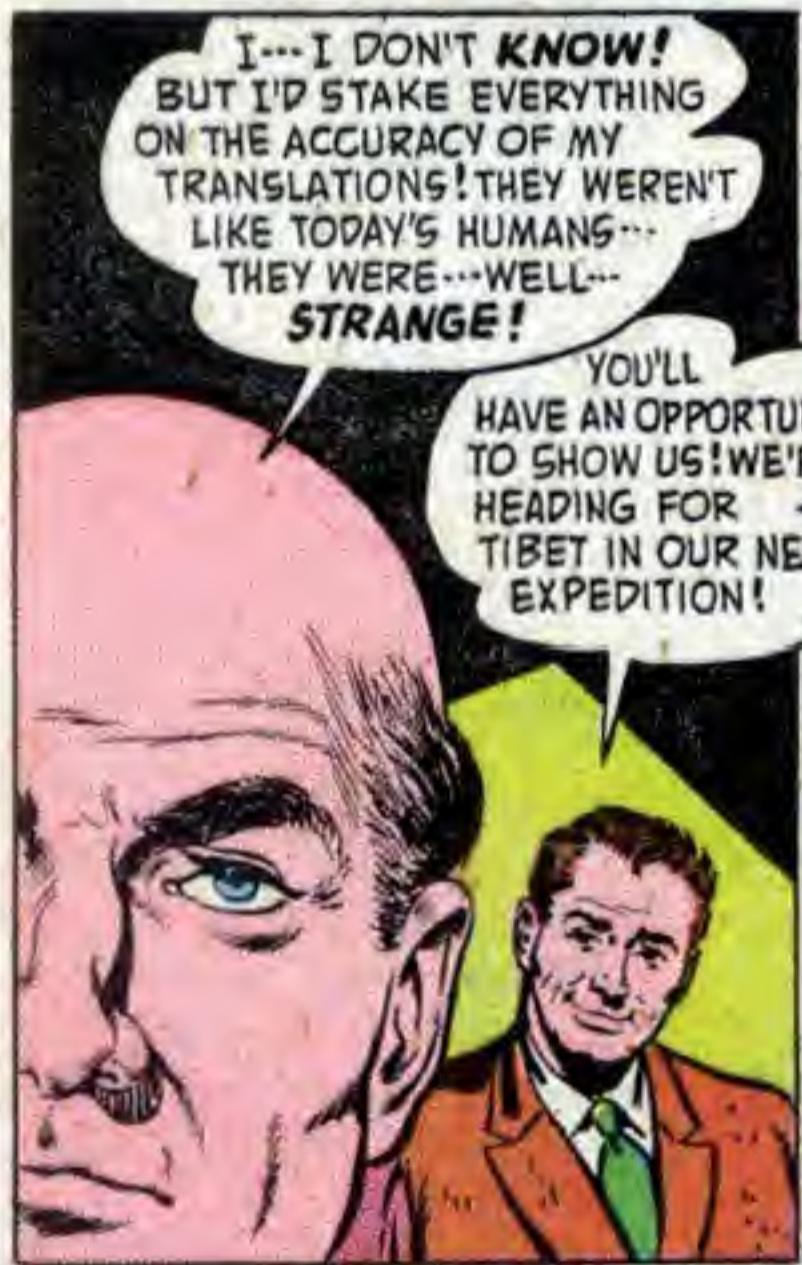
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STRANGE RACE

STEVE MARTIN WAS THE BUTT OF THE MUSEUM STAFF! YOU SEE, HE HAD ODD THEORIES ...

I'M TELLING YOU... MY TRANSLATIONS OF ANCIENT PALIMPSESTS REVEAL THAT IN NORTHERN TIBET, LONG BEFORE THE DAWN OF RECORDED HISTORY, A STRANGE RACE EXISTED!

HA-HA! YOU KEEP ON SAYING THAT, STEVIE ... STRANGE ... BUT HOW?



EDITOR



Hello again, all you wonderful "Adventures Into The Unknown" fans! Another month's passed, and we hope it's been a good one for you. And we'll try to make the coming one better through this extra-special-super-duper issue. We've hand-picked the stories, and hope you like them. Let us know, will you? Address your letter to The Editor, "Adventures Into The Unknown," 347 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. Tell us what you really think, bouquets and brickbats both, since only by knowing your opinions can we keep on improving this magazine of ours. Here's what some of our other readers are saying:

"Dear Editor:-

I've been reading 'Adventures Into The Unknown' since its 79th issue—it couldn't get any better! First let me give my opinion on your annual. I've just finished reading your No. 95, and think you should make your hundredth issue the big annual, to celebrate this important birthday! I sure do like your magazine, and I'm looking forward eagerly to those 'science fiction' and flying saucer' stories you will have in the future.

—Steve Fisher, San Francisco, Cal."

Great idea, that 100th issue number—we wish we'd had it before! Too bad, but we aren't going to be able to arrange it, because this is Issue No. 99 already, and those big books take a lot of preparation. We're glad you like our book, Steve. As for the science fiction yarns, they're no longer a matter of the future—they're happening right now! Our policy is to carry one in every issue. No. 95 had "Journey To The Moon," No. 96 had "Space Adventurer," No. 97 had "Strange Delusion," No. 98 had "Biggest Thing In The World" and No. 99, the present issue, has "Missing, One Scientist!"

"Dear Editor:-

I'd like to see a big letter spread permanently in 'Adventures Into The Unknown.' Something else I'd like to suggest—why not print a check list of all stories each issue, so the reader can number them according to preference—numbers on the right for story interest, numbers on the left for quality of art work. Also, I wish each story could be signed by the artist. Then every six months or year, the reader could select the best four or five stories and artists and send their selections to you. You could put out an annual containing them. I think this would stimulate reader interest greatly and send you zooming to the top over all competitors. I enjoyed the story 'The Repair Shop' best in the March issue. 'Mushroom Madness' had the best art work, in my opinion. So my vote would be divided equally between them!

—Eugene J. Buie, Choteau, Montana"

An interesting letter, Eugene, and a really smart idea! What do you other readers think?

"Dear Editor:-

I've read three issues of 'Adventures Into The Unknown' and would like to compliment you on your fine work. The stories are thrilling and hold the reader's interest, but I do have one complaint. Some of the stories—"Fog and Fantasy," for instance—leave one without an explanation. Try to give the reader a better idea of what goes on in your future plots!

—Kenneth Feld, Brooklyn, N. Y."

Thanks for the nice things you say, but this explanation business . . . the theory is that in cases where no explanation is given, the facts should speak for themselves. How about you other readers? If many of you are experiencing the same difficulty we'd like to know!

"Dear Editor:-

I happened to pick up a copy of 'Adventures Into The Unknown,' and after reading it, I think it's the best magazine of its kind published. In Issue No. 74, 'The Enchanted Toolshed' is the finest story I've ever read. Besides the wonderful, spine-tingling situation, it had some good humor in it. Man, you keep printing stories like that you'll have a reader and loyal fan for life!

—A. Stavsky, New York, N. Y."

This letter brings up the subject of humor in the strange stories that we print. Personally, we like an occasional light touch in these amazing plots, because there's nothing wrong about having laughs among your thrills. This is another matter for a reader vote—write in and let's hear your opinion!

"Dear Editor:-

I've just finished reading your latest 'Adventures Into The Unknown' issue, No. 95. It stinks! 'Up In Smoke' and '13th Juror' were terrible! 'Through The Wall' was fairly good and so was 'Journey To The Moon.' However, I hardly ever run into an 'Adventures Into The Unknown' or 'Forbidden Worlds' that isn't good. I think that the few who complain seriously about your magazines are definitely wrong. I wish you would put about 100 pages in your magazine and charge 25c. Anyway, keep up the good work!

—Fred H. Edwards, Madisonville, Ky."

Here's a fan with a brick that turns into an orchid. With respect to his gripe, he's not very wrong. "Up In Smoke" and "13th Juror" were far from the top stories that we try to bring our fans, and we're sorry for it. We'll try to bring you something extra-good to make up for it!

"Dear Editor:-

I've probably read every one of your comics, from one to ninety-five, and have always wanted to write

to you. Now I'm finally getting around to it. First, I'd like to say that I enjoy 'Adventures Into The Unknown' very much, and 'Journey To The Moon' was one of the best stories you've ever carried. I'd also like to suggest that you state after the title of each story whether or not it's true.

—Kenny Bauser, Richmond Hill, N. Y."

The great majority of our stories are fictional, Kenny—because in real life, truth isn't stranger than fiction—it's the other way around, although there are exceptions. Stressing the fictional allows us to make full use of the fine and challenging imaginations of our writers.

"Dear Editor:-

I've been following 'strange' comics for a couple of years, and 'Adventures Into The Unknown' rates number one with me. The main reason for my liking your comic is that your stories don't have just four or five pages, but many—although your one-page stories are clever also. If you could get a few more science fiction (outer space) stories into each issue, I'm sure all your readers would like it. Keep up the good work!

—Roy H. Frumkes, Harrison, N. Y."

Glad you go for the longer stories, Roy. You see, it's our feeling that longer stories afford more opportunity for building characters and presenting really intriguing plots that pack sustained interest and suspense. You can't really do this well with short yarns, no matter how hard you try. About more outer space stuff—we do carry one in every issue, you know! If we tried publishing several per issue, and they were the longer stories you like, you'd find the whole magazine being science fiction, with no room at all left for amazing stories of the occult. Our other readers wouldn't like this too much—bet you wouldn't, either!

"Dear Editor:-

I've just had the great privilege of buying another of your 'Adventures Into The Unknown' comic magazines. I especially liked 'Pipe Dream,' but found the other stories were very good too. Congratulations!

—Mike Smith, Stayton, Oregon"

Here's another vote for "Pipe Dream." That one proved a popular story, indicating that fans go for completely fantastic yarns. But then along comes a story like "There's A New Moon Tonight," and approving readers start burning up the mails. What's the answer? Maybe it's just a matter of plots that are good and astounding, and the type doesn't count. What do you other fans think?

"Dear Editor:-

My name is Michael Lewis. I am 14 years of age. I think your magazine is realistic, except that it needs more details. In another magazine I read, when a science law comes into the scene, the editor gives a note on the law. The only time I see your editor's notes is on your occults. Your 'Journey To The Moon' is realistic except for one detail which you overlooked. On a journey to the moon, the person or persons would have to go under physical examination to see if they could take the strain of the take-off, for the gravity is increased as the ship gains speed. Also, your invasions of Earth are always from

outer space. Have you forgotten about the fourth or fifth dimensions? In your page 'Let's Talk It Over,' I suggest that you stop sending in phony letters.

—Michael Lewis, Snyder, Texas"

Let's take it in order, Michael. The idea of another magazine commenting on science laws is thoroughly educational and we have no wish to criticize it. Very frankly, we attempt to go in for pure entertainment, with the educational trend incidental. "Journey To The Moon" was a long story. If we had attempted to include such details as physical examinations, etc., a full magazine wouldn't have been long enough for it. Next point—over the years, we've frequently published stories having to do with attempted invasions from other dimensions. But it's only natural that with the present worldwide interest in space, our emphasis must be on what might happen in this realm. And now—let's fight! Your charge concerning phony letters is unwarranted, ridiculous and just a bit on the nervy side. We receive many thousands of letters from which we can pick and choose. We have nothing to gain from making up letters. But there are always people who just don't believe anything. Including a lot who will charge that your letter is a fake, too!

"Dear Editor:-

Wahoo! I just read the latest issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown,' and boy, was it neat! I think your artists and your writers are the best! The only thing is that I wish you could have more scary things, like Frankenstein and Zombies—but if you do or not, I'll be a fan forever! Good luck!

—Bob Taylor, Royal Oak, Mich."

Bob, you're going to have to love us as we are, without the silly props. Love us for the astounding stories our writers dream up—and lambast us if we fall down on the job!

"Dear Editor:-

I like 'Adventures Into The Unknown' very much. I've always had an interest in Mars and in our satellite, 'Explorer.' Do you think you can print a story about them?

—Bob Johnson, Lincolnwood, Ill."

Open your eyes and climb onto the bandwagon, Bob! We've been publishing outer space stories in every issue for the past several months. Do you like the kind we've got in this month's number? It's a change of pace science fiction yarn — quite different from the usual. But we think it's got a novel and fascinating message. Hope all you readers agree with us!

"Dear Editor:-

I have no complaints on your wonderful mag. So long as you please other readers, I am sure I can be counted on to buy the next 1,000 copies. Your writers and artists are on the ball. More and more new fans are joining 'Adventures Into The Unknown' through me. Thanks for hours of good reading!

—Lester Sanders, Jacksonville, Fla."

That's our ambition, Lester—to furnish fans with truly good reading. Stories that thrill, challenge and fascinate—that's the program. Occasionally, we admit, we'll come up with a dud. But when we hit the mark square, it's a honey!

THEY THOUGHT IT WAS A HUNTERS' PARADISE UNTIL THEY DISCOVERED THE AWESOME SECRET IN THE SHADOWY DEPTHS OF---

FORGOTTEN FOREST!



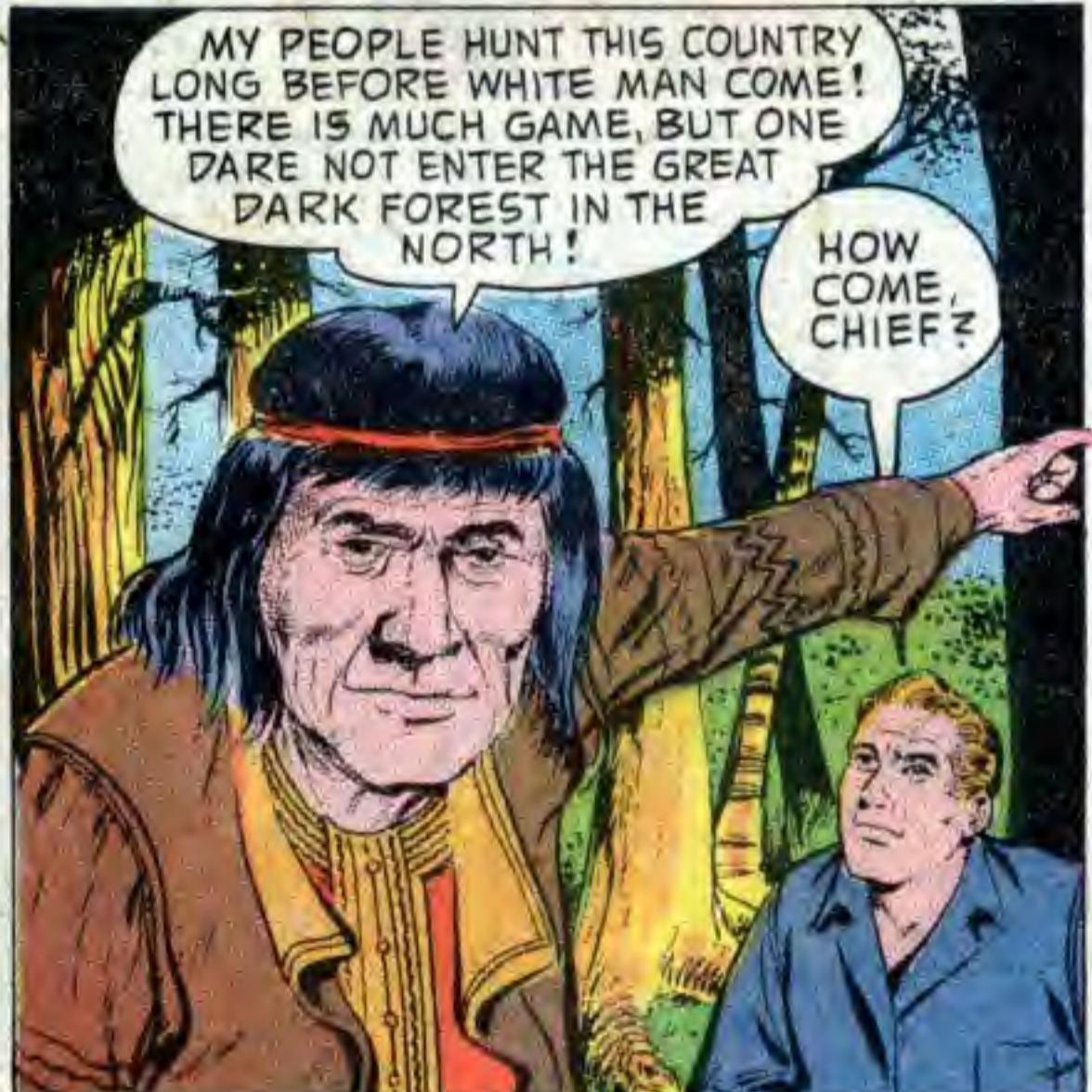
LATE ONE NIGHT, AS TWO AMERICAN HUNTERS SAT BEFORE THEIR FIRE IN THE CANADIAN NORTH WOODS...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE MY WORD FOR IT, CRANE! THE CHIEF WILL TELL YOU! WHEN IT COMES TO GAME, THIS SPOT HAS 'EM ALL BEAT !

OLD FRIEND SPEAK TRUTH!

MY PEOPLE HUNT THIS COUNTRY LONG BEFORE WHITE MAN COME! THERE IS MUCH GAME, BUT ONE DARE NOT ENTER THE GREAT DARK FOREST IN THE NORTH!

HOW COME, CHIEF?



MY PEOPLE CALL THIS PLACE **FORGOTTEN FOREST**! IT IS ANCIENT HUNTING GROUND OF OUR MIGHTY ANCESTORS AND RULED BY THE GREAT WARRIOR CIACHEWI! INDIANS WILL NOT HUNT THERE!

YOU'VE TOLD ME THAT STORY EVERY YEAR I'VE COME UP HERE, CHIEF! IT'S BEGINNING TO SOUND INTERESTING!

I HAVE SPOKEN TRUTH! NOW I GO!



The following morning, as the two men set out for the day's hunt---

If the game is as plentiful as you say, Jordan, we might as well stay clear of **FORGOTTEN FOREST**!

I'M CURIOUS, CRANE...REAL CURIOUS! WE'LL HAVE A QUICK LOOK, OR MAYBE YOU'RE TOO SCARED?



GRUDGINGLY, CRANE TAGGED ALONG, AND AFTER A THREE HOUR MARCH---

I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF IT, JORDAN! NOT ONE BIT!

IT LOOKS GOOD TO ME...REAL GOOD!



MINUTES LATER, WHEN THEY HAD PLUNGED INTO THE FOREST'S SHADOWY DEPTHS---

IT'S SO STILL...SO QUIET! AS IF WE WERE THE ONLY TWO LIVING CREATURES HERE!

WE'RE THE ONLY TWO HUNTERS, CRANE, BUT THERE'S PLENTY OF LIFE HERE! I CAN SENSE THE GAME...ALL AROUND US!



SUDDENLY, WITH A CRY OF SURPRISE, JORDAN DROPPED TO ONE KNEE...

DEER TRACKS, BUT LOOK AT THESE PRINTS!

I...IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THE BIGGEST MOOSE WOULDN'T LEAVE PRINTS LIKE THOSE!



BUT NOW A CRACKLING SOUND BROUGHT THEIR HEADS UP...

CRANE, LOOK!

AN ELK, BUT THE SIZE OF IT! IT CAN'T BE REAL!



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WITH A CRY OF PANIC, JORDAN BOLTED, BUT AS HE FLED BEFORE THE MONSTROUS-SIZED BEAR, HIS TOE STRUCK A ROTTED LOG AND...



THEN, SUDDENLY, AS JORDAN LAY HELPLESS ON THE GROUND...



SAVAGE CRIES RENT THE AIR AS THE HUGE BEAST AND THE HUMAN COLOSSUS LOCKED IN BATTLE...



AND WHEN THE TITANIC STRUGGLE ENDED...



THEY SCURRIED OFF, AND THE LIGHTNING BOLTS NAGGED AT THEIR HEELS, SEEMINGLY URGING THEM FORWARD AT A FASTER AND FASTER PACE...



WITH A SMOOTHERED CRY, BOTH MEN COLLAPSED FROM THEIR EFFORT. THEN GIANT HANDS REACHED DOWN, PLUCKING THEM UP LIKE TINY, INERT DOLLS...



IT WAS A LONG TIME BEFORE CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNED, BUT WHEN IT DID...

WE'RE IN THE CHIEF'S TENT--BUT HOW?

WE FIND YOU BOTH HERE, IN OUR VILLAGE! BRAVES BRING YOU TO MY TENT!

THIS ANCIENT AMULET SAVED BOTH YOUR LIVES! I HAD FEELING YOU WOULD ENTER FORGOTTEN FOREST, SO I PLACE CHARM IN YOUR PACK WHILE YOU SLEEP! IF NOT FOR THIS, GREAT CIACHEWI WOULD DESTROY YOU!



THE FOLLOWING DAY, WHEN THEY ACCOMPANIED THE CHIEF TO OFFER THANKS TO THE GREAT WARRIOR CIACHEWI...

I STILL SAY IT'S ALL ROT, CRANE, EVEN IF I CAN'T EXPLAIN WHAT REALLY HAPPENED! BUT IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT, NOT TO HUMOR THE OLD CHIEF ALONG!

BUT WITH A MUFFLED CRY, CRANE STOPPED SHORT...

LOOK, JORDAN, THESE FOOT-PRINTS!

THEY'D HAVE TO BE MADE BY A GIANT! SOMEONE AS BIG AS...



WHAT DO YOU SAY NOW, JORDAN? IS IT STILL ROT?

THEY FOUND US IN THE VILLAGE, BUT WE DIDN'T WALK IN OURSELVES! THAT MEANS SOMEONE BROUGHT US! NOW DO YOU BELIEVE?

OF COURSE, CRANE! I CAN'T SAY HOW OR WHY--BUT I BELIEVE!



YOU'VE HEARD OF PEOPLE CHANGING OVERNIGHT, BUT SEARCH THE RECORDS OF NOW AND YESTERYEAR
AND YOU WON'T FIND A MORE FANTASTIC STORY THAN THAT OF...

MUSCLE-MAN MELVIN!



YOU MIGHT SAY MELVIN WAS A RABBIT-LIKE CHARACTER! AND WHEN IT CAME TO GIRLS--ESPECIALLY SALLY WINSTON, ONE OF THE OFFICE WORKERS--HE WAS SHYER STILL...

--SC I WAS JUST WONDERING, SALLY, I MEAN IF YOU HAD THE TIME--A--AND DIDN'T MIND--THEN I'D--

I'D LOVE GOING TO A MOVIE WITH YOU, MELVIN! PICK ME UP AT EIGHT!

BUT EVEN THESE DATES WITH SALLY HAD A WAY OF BACKFIRING ON POOR, SELF-EFFACING MELVIN--

YES...HE CERTAINLY IS!

ISN'T TONY BLAKE WONDERFUL? SO MASCULINE...SO AGGRESSIVE!

AND WHEN IT WAS TIME TO SAY GOOD NIGHT, IT WAS WORSE STILL...

FRANKLY, MELVIN, I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU! TIME AND AGAIN YOU'VE TAKEN ME TO THE MOVIES, AND WHEN WE GET BACK, ALL YOU SAY IS GOOD NIGHT!

CAN'T YOU THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE?

WELL, THE POPCORN WAS ESPECIALLY GOOD, WASN'T IT?... I--WELL, GOOD NIGHT, SALLY!

THAT NIGHT, IN HIS SMALL APARTMENT, MELVIN COULDN'T SLEEP! SO HE FUSSED A BIT WITH HIS PET RABBIT AND COMPLETED AN EXPERIMENT, BUT HIS THOUGHTS KEPT GOING BACK TO SALLY...

I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE STILL DATES ME! I'M JUST A HOPELESS MOUSE!

HERE YOU ARE, OSWALD, A SPECIAL NEW FORMULA TO IMPROVE YOUR APPETITE! YOU DRINK IT ALL UP, AND MAYBE YOU'LL FINISH YOUR CARROTS!

LATER THAT NIGHT, MELVIN AWOKE WITH A START...

CRASH!

HELP!

G--GOOD GRIEF! SOMEONE'S IN THE OTHER ROOM... CRYING FOR HELP! I--I'D BETTER GO SEE...

G--GET 'IM AWAY FROM ME! DO SOMETHING... BEFORE HE TEARS ME APART!

OSWALD HAS BROKEN OUT OF HIS CAGE AND TRAPPED A PROWLER! N--NO RABBIT EVER DID THAT BEFORE!

BY THE TIME
THE POLICE
REMOVED THE
PROWLER,
MELVIN HAD NO
THOUGHT OF
GOING BACK
TO BED!
SOMEHOW, HE
HAD TO ACCOUNT
FOR OSWALD'S
UNUSUAL
BEHAVIOR...

THERE'S ONLY ONE
ANSWER! IT MUST BE MY
NEW FORMULA! NOW, IF IT COULD TURN
A RABBIT INTO AN AGGRESSIVE,
POWERFUL CREATURE, WHAT EFFECT
WOULD IT HAVE ON ME?

WELL,
HERE
GOES
NOTHING!

AND ABOUT AN HOUR LATER,
WHEN MELVIN REPORTED FOR
WORK...

WATCH THIS,
HARRY! I'M
GOING TO HAVE
SOME FUN WITH
THAT JELLYFISH,
MELVIN!

GOOD! I'LL
TIP OFF THE
BOYS! THEY
WOULDN'T
WANT TO
MISS IT!

HEY, MELVIN.
WILL YOU BRING
THAT BOX HERE
ON THE WAY
OVER?

W...WHY,
SURE, MR.
BENSON!
BE GLAD
TO!

LOOK! HE'S
GOT IT TUCKED
UNDER ONE
ARM!

B...BUT YOU SAID
IT WAS FILLED WITH A
SPECIAL FORMULATED
LEAD! THAT IT WEIGHED
FIVE HUNDRED
POUNDS!

FIVE
HUNDRED
POUNDS! YOU
MEAN I...
OH-HH!

CRASH!

IT HAPPENED, ONLY
IT DIDN'T AT FIRST... NOT
BACK IN THE HOUSE ANYWAY!
I GUESS IT TOOK TIME TO GET
INTO THE BLOOD! BUT IT
WORKED... JUST LIKE IT
DID ON OSWALD...
EVEN BETTER!

THE WORD SPREAD THROUGH THE PLANT,
AND BEFORE THE WEEK WAS OUT, MELVIN'S
FAME WAS COMPLETE...

LOOK AT HIM
BEND THAT STEEL
BAR! LIKE IT WAS
MADE OF RUBBER!

I NEVER WOULD HAVE
DREAMED THIS OF YOU,
MELVIN, AND I DON'T
CARE WHAT ANYONE
SAYS...BUT I THINK
YOU'RE WONDERFUL!

I HOPED YOU
WOULD, SALLY!
YOU MORE
THAN ANYONE
ELSE!

AND AS FOR YOU,
BENSON, I KNOW
YOU'VE BEEN
TRYING TO DATE
SALLY! FRANKLY,
I DON'T LIKE
IT!

I...IT WAS ONLY
A GAG, MELVIN!
T...THAT'S ALL IT
WAS...HONEST!

WITHIN A MONTH, MUSCLE-
MAN MELVIN'S FAME SKY-
ROCKETED ONWARD AND
UPWARD...

--AND HE'S DONE
IT AGAIN, FOLKS!
MUSCLE-MAN MELVIN
HAS NOT ONLY OUTRUN
THE FASTEST RACING CAR
ON WHEELS, BUT HE'S
ESTABLISHED A NEW
RECORD FOR THE
TRACK!

OTHER SUPERHUMAN
FEATS FOLLOWED...

TIMBER!

HE'S SNAPPING
IT OFF LIKE IT
WAS A TOOTH-
PICK!

ISN'T HE
FASCINATING?

SO
MASCULINE,
AND YET SO
MODEST!

THEN CAME THE BIGGEST NEWS
OF ALL...

THAT'S RIGHT, SALLY!
THEY WANT ME TO
PERFORM ON T.V.!
NATIONWIDE, NO
LESS!

THAT MEANS
YOU'LL BE BUSIER
YET! WHY, WE HAVEN'T
HAD A DATE TOGETHER
SINCE ALL THIS
STARTED!

AND ON THE NIGHT OF THE TELECAST, IN MELVIN'S DRESSING ROOM...

LOOK AT THESE GIFTS, AND EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM FROM SOME DIZZY, LOVE-SICK FEMALE!

BUT I DON'T ENCOURAGE IT, SALLY!



I'M NOT SO SURE OF THAT, MELVIN! I'M BEGINNING TO THINK YOU LIKE IT! I REALLY BELIEVE YOU'RE TURNING INTO A PLAIN GLORY-SEEKING SHOWOFF!

YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT, SALLY!



I CERTAINLY DO! AND UNLESS YOU GIVE UP THESE SHABBY THEATRICS THIS VERY INSTANT, YOU NEEDN'T TRY TO SEE ME AGAIN!

BUT, SALLY!



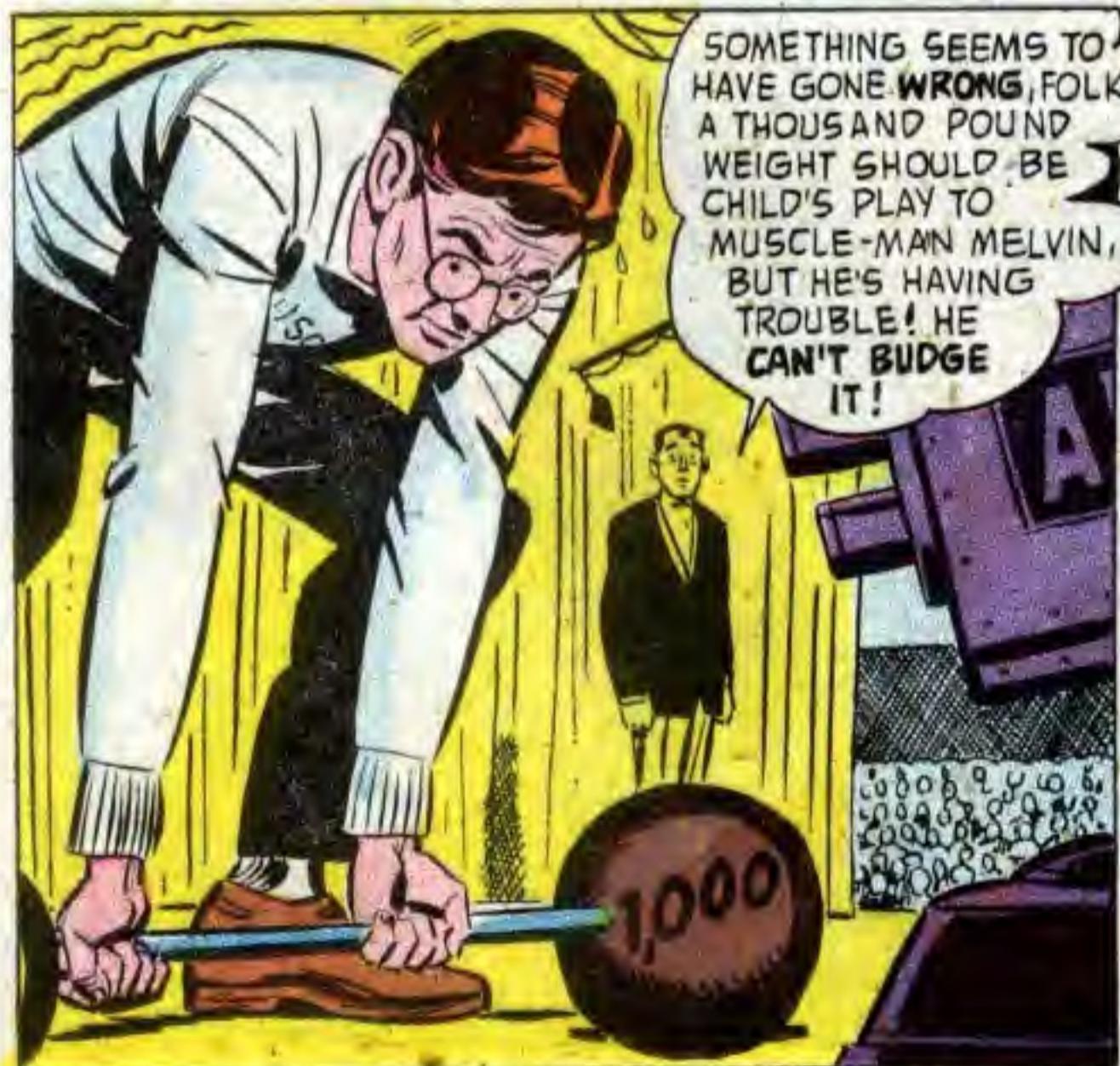
ALONE IN HER APARTMENT, SALLY TEARFULLY WATCHED AS THE PROGRAM GOT UNDER WAY...

AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE MOMENT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! A SERIES OF AMAZING DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE ONE, THE ONLY MUSCLE-MAN MELVIN!

HE'S GOING ON STAGE AFTER ALL!



SOMETHING SEEMS TO HAVE GONE WRONG, FOLKS! A THOUSAND POUND WEIGHT SHOULD BE CHILD'S PLAY TO MUSCLE-MAN MELVIN, BUT HE'S HAVING TROUBLE! HE CAN'T BUDGE IT!



THEY'RE JEERING HIM... CALLING HIM A FAKE! THEY'RE THROWING THINGS, TOO! OH, MELVIN... IT'S ALL MY DOING!



NOT LONG AFTERWARDS, AS MELVIN SOUGHT REFUGE IN HIS SMALL APARTMENT...



OH, MELVIN, I'M SO PROUD! YOU PRETENDED TO BE A FAILURE! YOU GAVE IT ALL UP FOR ME!

WELL, ER, SALLY, I WASN'T REALLY PRETENDING! Y--YOU SEE---MY STRENGTH ---IT'S GONE!

HESITANTLY, MELVIN EXPLAINED ALL...



IN A WAY, WE WERE BOTH BEHAVING LIKE MINIATURE ATOM BOMBS, BUT AS THE FORMULA WORE OFF---WELL, WE KIND OF FIZZLED OUT!



BUT THERE'S STILL SOME OF THE FORMULA LEFT! I COULD GIVE MYSELF A BOOSTER SHOT---THAT IS, IF YOU PREFER MUSCLE-MAN MELVIN!



I PREFER THE OLD MELVIN! IT TOOK MUSCLE-MAN MELVIN TO OPEN MY EYES---BUT NOW I REALLY SEE THE LIGHT!



MELVIN GOT HIS ANSWER, IN THE NICEST WAY IMAGINABLE! AND IT MADE ALL THE EFFORT AND TROUBLE SEEM QUITE WORTH WHILE!



The
END!

JOURNEY *into* ANTIQUITY

LOOK! IT'S ANCIENT NEW YORK! IT LOOKS JUST LIKE THOSE OLD PICTURES IN OUR HISTORY BOOKS!

HOW STRANGE IT ALL SEEMS! I MEAN OUR BEING ABLE TO SEE THEM, WHILE WE REMAIN INVISIBLE!

THE FUTURE HAD BROUGHT PERFECTION, AND MAN'S TRIUMPH OVER THE ELEMENTS OF TIME AND SPACE WAS COMPLETE! THE BARRIERS HAD BEEN BROKEN! MEN TRAVELED NOT ONLY THROUGH THE DARK VOIDS OF OUTER SPACE, BUT THROUGH TIME AS WELL! THIS IS A STORY OF FUTURE MAN, AND OF ONE SUCH JOURNEY INTO ANTIQUITY!

IT BEGAN WITH A MESSAGE FROM ONE OF THE LOUD SPEAKERS, LOCATED IN THE GREAT DISTRICT LABORATORY...

ATTENTION! DAG MITHOK WILL REPORT TO CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS IMMEDIATELY!

THAT'S YOU, DAG! HOPE IT ISN'T TROUBLE!

IT'S PROBABLY MY PRODUCTION RATING! I KNOW I'VE BEEN DROPPING OFF THESE LAST FEW MONTHS! THEY'LL WANT TO KNOW WHY!

DAG MITHOK'S HUNCH WAS RIGHT, AND HE DID HIS BEST TO EXPLAIN--

IT'S JUST THAT I'VE BEEN FEELING TIRED LATELY, BUT I'LL GET OVER IT!

YOU'VE HAD AN EXCELLENT WORK RECORD SO FAR, AND IT'S ON THAT RECORD THAT THE RECOMMENDATION WAS PUT THROUGH!

YOU'VE BEEN PUT ON THE LIST FOR A ROUTINE FLIGHT INTO ANTIQUITY! YOU MIGHT CALL IT A VACATION! THE CHANGE OF SCENE SHOULD IMPROVE YOUR PRODUCTION OUTPUT ON YOUR RETURN TO OUR OWN TIME!

YOU WILL REPORT TO THE BUREAU OF TIME TRAVEL AT ONCE! THEY WILL GIVE YOU YOUR INSTRUCTIONS AND ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS! YOU MAY GO!

YES, AT ONCE!



IT WAS IN THIS WAY THAT DAG MITHOK, A WORLD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 4675, ARRIVED BACK THROUGH TIME TO ANCIENT NEW YORK...

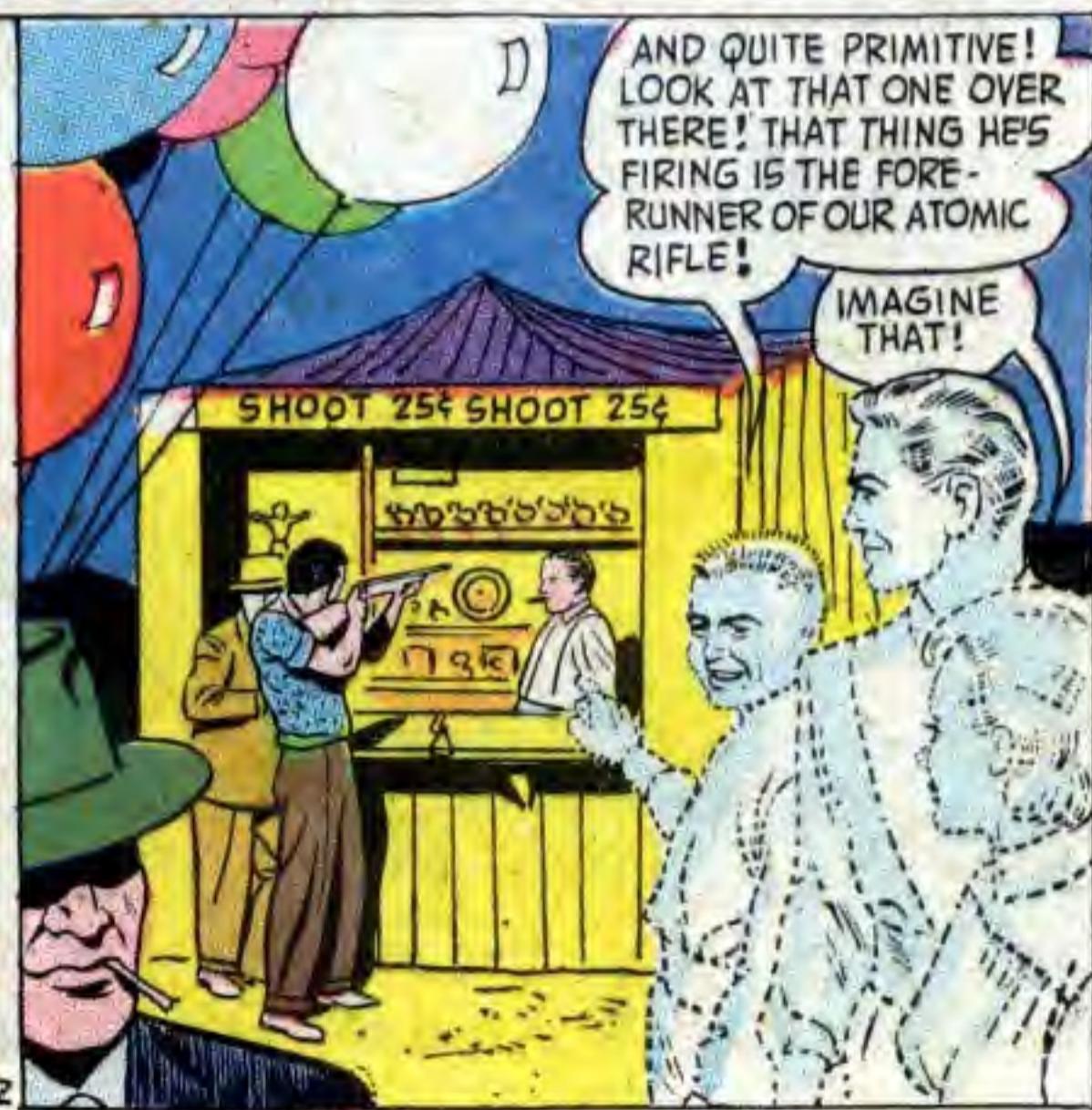
WE WILL LAND IN A MOMENT AND ALL PASSENGERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO MAKE A BRIEF INSPECTION TOUR OF THIS HISTORIC METROPOLIS OF ANTIQUITY! OF COURSE, OUR PRESENCE WILL NOT BE DECTECTED...

WHEN YOU LEAVE THE SHIP, YOU WILL PASS THROUGH THE INVERSE TIME CALCULATOR! THIS WILL RENDER YOU INVISIBLE DURING OUR BRIEF STAY! PLEASE REPORT ABOARD PROMPTLY WHEN YOU HEAR THE SIGNAL!

EAGERLY THE PEOPLE OF THE FUTURE MINGLED WITH THOSE OF THE PAST, PROTECTED, AS IT WERE, BY A CLOAK OF INVISIBILITY...

IT'S SOME SORT OF A PARK WITH AMUSEMENTS!

I'VE READ ABOUT THESE PLACES IN HISTORY BOOKS WHEN I WAS A CHILD! THEY WERE QUITE POPULAR IN THE 20TH CENTURY!



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BUT AS THE OTHERS LAUGHED AND RIDICULED, DAG MITHOK THOUGHT DIFFERENTLY...

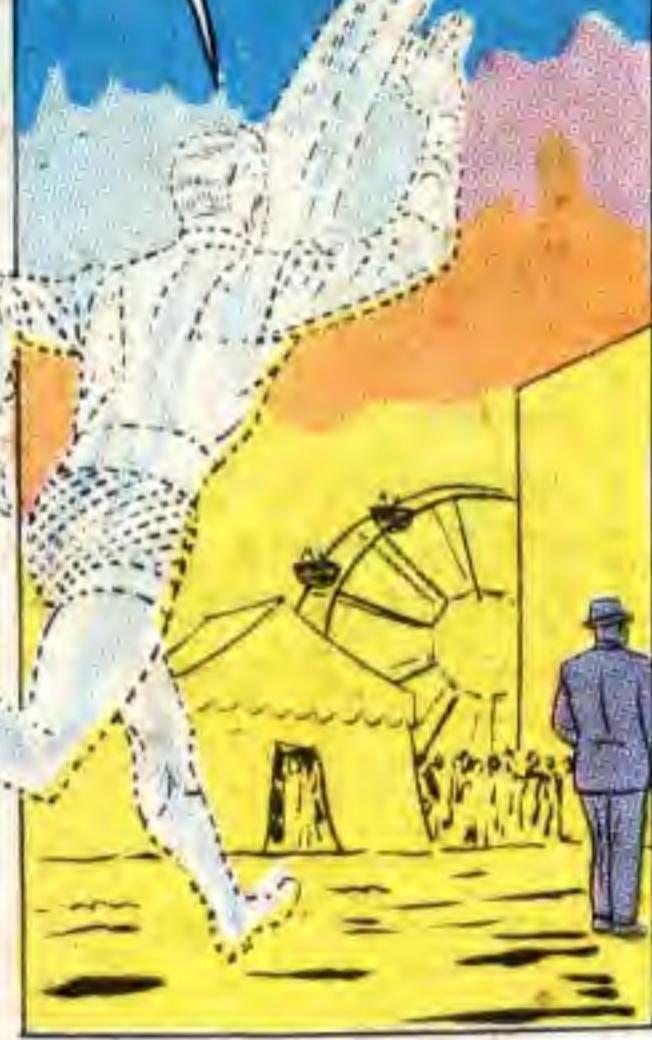
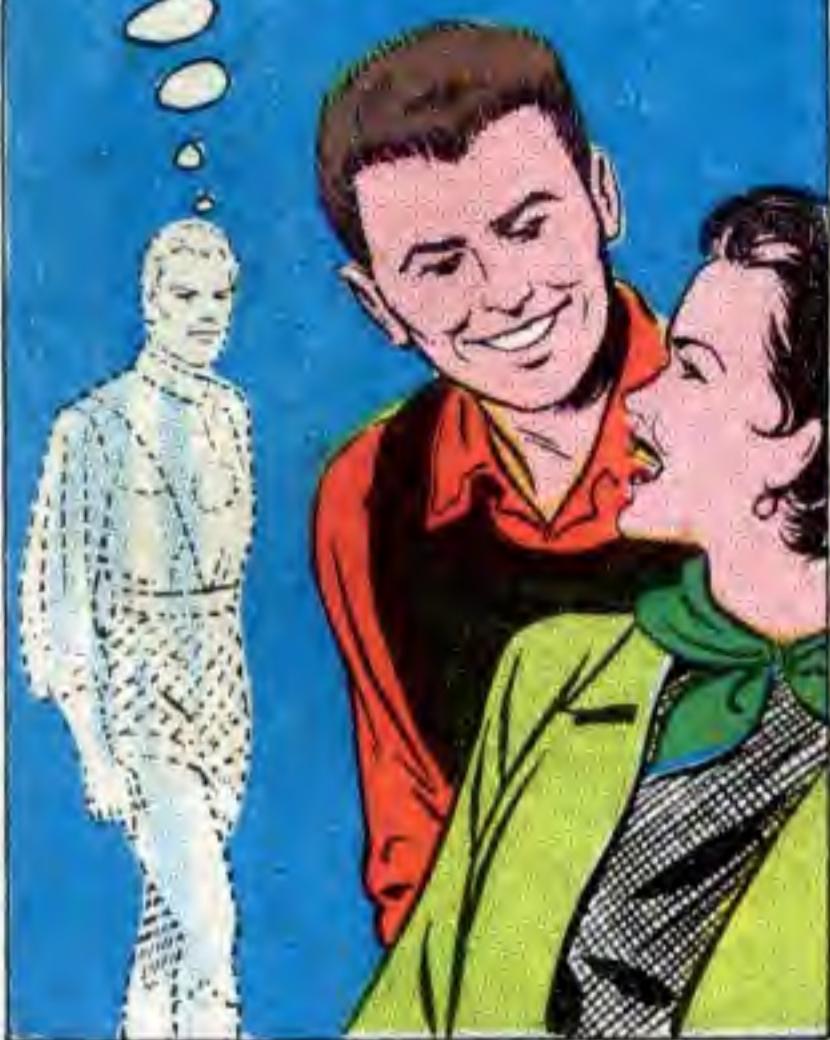
IN A WAY YOU WOULD CALL THEM PRIMITIVE, BUT THEY SEEM FAR HAPPIER! THEY ALL SEEM TO SMILE--- SOMETHING WE SCARCELY DO IN OUR TIME!

SOON THE SIGNAL TO REPORT BACK TO THE TIME CRAFT SOUNDED, AND THOUGH IT COULD BE HEARD ONLY BY ITS PASSENGERS, DAG MITHOK'S ATTENTION WAS ELSEWHERE...

THAT IS A STRANGE CUSTOM, AND YET SO INTERESTING!

MINUTES LATER THOUGH, DAG SUDDENLY GASPED WITH SHOCKED SURPRISE ---

THEY'RE LEAVING WITHOUT ME! NO! WAIT!



THAT'S RIGHT! HE WAS SENT OUT HERE TO PUBLICIZE A NEW SCIENCE FICTION MOVIE! THAT EXPLAINS THE CLOTHES! BUT IF IT'S CAUSING TROUBLE, WE CAN CALL IT OFF!

A GOOD IDEA, MISS! LUCKY YOU CAME BY WHEN YOU DID, OR I WOULD HAVE ARRESTED HIM!

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, IN JUNE TAYLOR'S CAR....

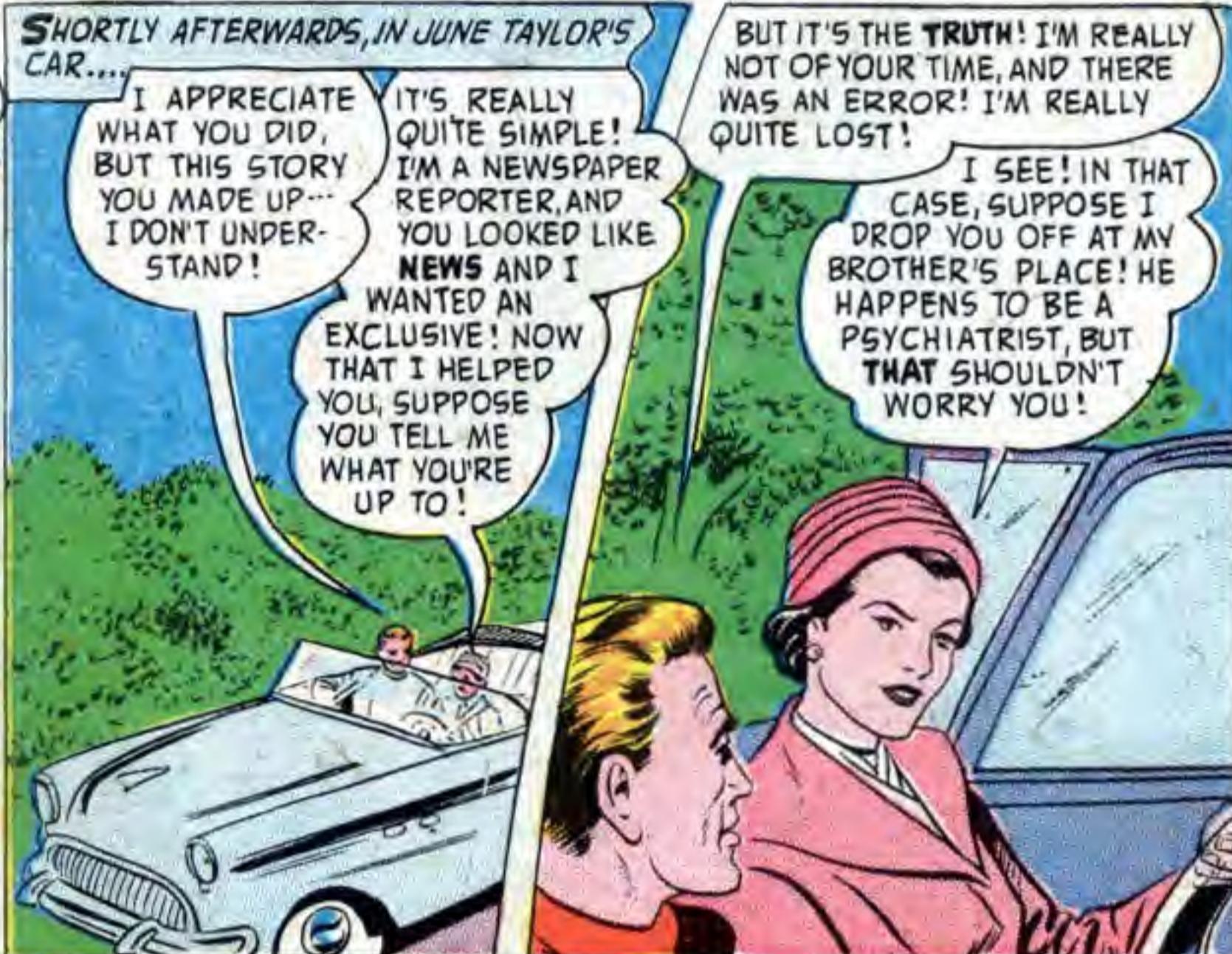
I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU DID, BUT THIS STORY YOU MADE UP... I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

IT'S REALLY QUITE SIMPLE! I'M A NEWSPAPER REPORTER, AND YOU LOOKED LIKE NEWS AND I

WANTED AN EXCLUSIVE! NOW THAT I HELPED YOU, SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE UP TO!

BUT IT'S THE TRUTH! I'M REALLY NOT OF YOUR TIME, AND THERE WAS AN ERROR! I'M REALLY QUITE LOST!

I SEE! IN THAT CASE, SUPPOSE I DROP YOU OFF AT MY BROTHER'S PLACE! HE HAPPENS TO BE A PSYCHIATRIST, BUT THAT SHOULDN'T WORRY YOU!



THAT EVENING, WHEN JUNE TAYLOR DROPPED BACK AT HER BROTHER'S APARTMENT...

WELL, YOU DO LOOK BETTER!

YOUR BROTHER LOANED ME ONE OF HIS SUITS, BUT HE ALSO REFUSES TO BELIEVE MY STORY! NOT THAT I BLAME EITHER OF YOU!



HE SEEMS PERFECTLY SANE, EXCEPT FOR THAT WEIRD STORY ABOUT A JOURNEY BACK IN TIME! ACTUALLY, I'D GO ALONG WITH IT FOR NOW!

I AGREE, JIM! HE SEEMS SO OBSESSED BY IT!



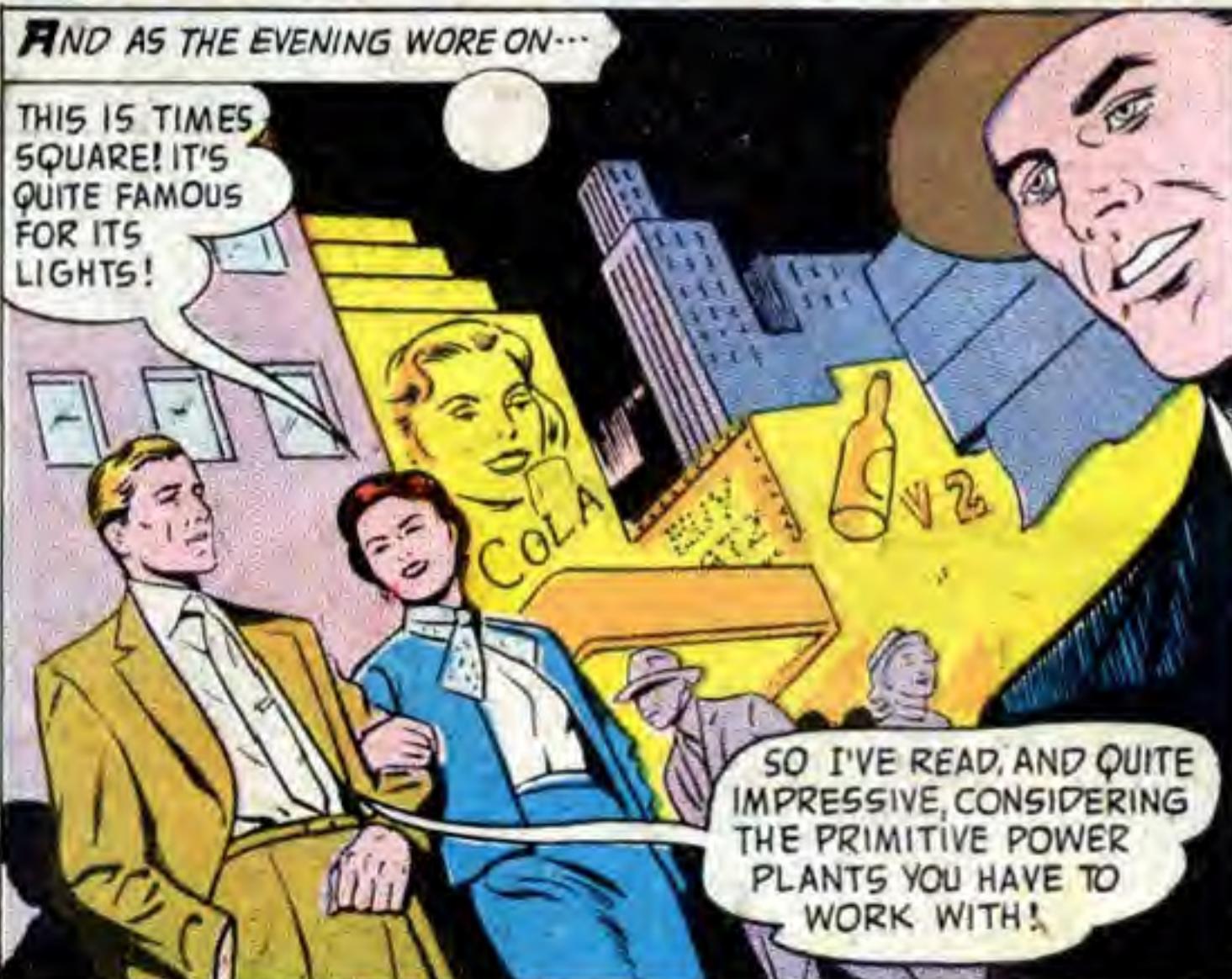
SUPPOSE WE GO OUT AND SEE THE SIGHTS?

I WAS GOING TO SUGGEST THAT! WITH ONLY A WEEK BEFORE THE **TIME SHIP** RETURNS, I'D WANT TO SEE AS MUCH OF YOUR WORLD AS I CAN!



AND AS THE EVENING WORE ON...

THIS IS TIMES SQUARE! IT'S QUITE FAMOUS FOR ITS LIGHTS!



SO I'VE READ, AND QUITE IMPRESSIVE, CONSIDERING THE PRIMITIVE POWER PLANTS YOU HAVE TO WORK WITH!

THE SUCCEEDING DAYS SWEEPED BY,
AND A WORLD, A WAY OF LIFE THAT
DAG MITHOK NEVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE,
UNFOLDED BEFORE HIM...

IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL, THESE PAST FEW DAYS, DAG! I'VE NEVER KNOWN ANYTHING LIKE IT!

I'LL NEVER FORGET THEM EITHER! I MIGHT EVEN...

INSTINCTS, LONG SLUMBERING, NOW STIRRED, WHIRLING HIM ABOUT LIKE A LEAF IN AN EDDYING STREAM...

IF I COULD ONLY TAKE YOU WITH ME, INTO MY WORLD OF TIME, BUT THEY'D NEVER ALLOW IT!

OH, DAG, WHY MUST YOU PERSIST IN THAT STORY? IF YOU NEED HELP, I'LL DO ANYTHING, BUT THIS FANTASY OF YOURS...

IT ISN'T A FANTASY! I KNOW IT'S DIFFICULT TO TAKE, AND I DON'T EXPECT OTHERS TO BELIEVE, BUT WITH YOU... WELL, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT!

BUT HONESTLY, DAG... HOW CAN I BELIEVE?

PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WAS USELESS FROM THE START!

DAG! PLEASE... DON'T BE ANGRY!

The FOLLOWING EVENING, WHEN JUNE VISITED HER BROTHER...

...AND WHEN I CHALLENGED HIS STORY, HE STORMED OFF!

BEFORE HE LEFT THIS AFTERNOON HE SAID HE WOULD BE GOING BACK TONIGHT, TO THAT FANTASTIC WORLD OF HIS IN FUTURE TIME! IT GAVE ME THE SHIVERS!

AND AS THE NIGHT DREW ON...

I HATE LEAVING! IN SO MANY WAYS THIS WORLD IS VASTLY RICHER THAN MY OWN! WE HAVE CONQUERED THE ELEMENTS, BUT IN DOING SO LOST HAPPINESS, THE GREATEST PRIZE OF ALL!

SUDDENLY...

WE SEE YOU,
DAG MITHOK! THIS
IS OFFICER BRAKKE,
COMMUNICATING ON
SPECIAL TELEPATH
FREQUENCY FOUR-
DASH-SIX! STAND
BY FOR BOARDING!

BUT MINUTES LATER,
WHEN THE TIME SHIP
LANDED AND DAG
PREPARED TO BOARD...



COME BACK! WE
MUST LEAVE AT
ONCE! COME
BACK!



BECAUSE THERE YOU WERE, VANISHING
INTO THIN AIR! PLEASE FORGIVE ME
FOR EVER DOUBTING YOU!

I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE
TO, CONSIDERING THAT
I'M NOW A PERMANENT
INHABITANT OF YOUR
WORLD!

IT'S GONE, JUNE! THEY LEFT
WITHOUT ME! IT WAS MY ONE
AND LAST CHANCE OF
RETURNING TO MY OWN
TIME WORLD!

ANY REGRETS,
DAG?

ONLY A TWINGE, BUT IT'S GOING
FAST! WHAT I'VE LOST I'VE
MORE THAN GAINED BACK!
I'VE FOUND LOVE AND
HAPPINESS--THINGS I
NEVER THOUGHT WERE
FOR ME!



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